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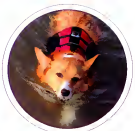

近木野中哉
CHIKANO KOUGINO

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もっカバーに出せないかと思ってた
スタイルと神裂さん、描けて良かった。

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S REAL GOAL
IS NOT TO TAKE BACK THE 'BOOK OF LAW' OR PROTECT ORSOLA
IT'S TO KILL ORSOLA

#51 Roman Catholic Church

WHA...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING!?
ORSOLA WAS KIDNAPPED BY YOU GUYS—— THE AMAKUSA STYLE!
YOU STOLE THE 'BOOK OF LAW'——
THAT, HUH?
WE DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING LIKE THE 'BOOK OF LAW'

TRY THINKING ABOUT IT
WHY WOULD WE NEED THE 'BOOK OF LAW'?
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST RELIGIOUS SECT
WITH ABOUT TWO BILLION MEMBERS
WE HEARD THAT THE AMAKUSA STYLE WAS WEAKENED EVER SINCE PARTING WITH THEIR PRIESTESS
WHY WOULD WE SPECIFICALLY PICK A FIGHT JUST TO OBTAIN IT?
THAT IS WHY, AS YOU WOULD PUT IT, "IF IT MOMENTARILY OPENED, IT WOULD MARK THE END OF THE AGE OF THE RELIGIOUS SECT" BY USING THE TREMENDOUS POWER OF THE 'BOOK OF LAW'
CORRECT?
LIKE I SAID
IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHY DO WE NEED TO OBTAIN POWER?

YOU THINK
IT'S BECAUSE WE WANT THE 'END OF THE ERA' OF THE LARGEST RELIGIOUS SECT, RIGHT?

WE ARE CLANDESTINE CHRISTIANS
EVER SINCE LONG AGO, WE HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEMBERS, NO ONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF OUR HEADQUARTERS
AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, WHY WOULD WE DESIRE SUCH MONSTROUS POWER?

...ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?
BECAUSE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ORSOLA IS A HINDRANCE BECAUSE SHE CAN DRAW OUT THE POWER OF THE 'BOOK OF LAW'
AND FOR THAT REASON THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BECAME A VERY DIFFICULT PLACE TO BE .. IN SHORT, SHE ESCAPED TO JAPAN
BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY SLOWLY BECAME AWARE OF HER—
AS WE ARE BOTH RELIGIOUS SECTS, WE, THE AMAKUSA STYLE, WANTED TO COME AND SAVE HER—
WELL THAT'S THE REASON
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT CALMLY, YOU IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
WELL, YOU TWO?
WHO YOUR TRUE ENEMY IS
NOW
THINK YOU COULD REMOVE THESE BINDS?

NO
I STILL DO NOT TRUST YOU
WHY?
IF EVERY-THING YOU'VE SAID IS TRUE
THEN WHY WAS ORSOLA RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU?
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID WHEN WE FIRST CAME INTO CONTACT WITH HER!?

THE SAME?
RIGHT NOW YOU'RE THE SAME AS HER
IN THE VERY END, SHE COULDN'T TRUST US
HEH
YOU'RE THE SAME
ANY WAYS
THAT'S ...
THEN, FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU SAVE ORSOLA !?
"THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO SAVE ME AND MAKE ENEMIES OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST RELIGIOUS SECT - THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE ONLY POSSIBLE COLLATERAL I CAN GIVE IS THE DECIPHERING OF THE "BOOK OF LAW" "
SHE PROBABLY THOUGHT

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT
WE'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE LONG AGO
WE HAVE ALWAYS
THE PRIES-TESS
WATCHED HER FROM BEHIND—

IN ORDER TO PROTECT A SINGLE PERSON'S MERE CHILDISH DREAM, SHE BLOCKED THE PATH OF AN EVIL DRAGON THAT COULD SWALLOW A MOUNTAIN
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE DYING WISH OF SOMEONE, SHE PROTECTED A SMALL VILLAGE FROM TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS
BECAUSE OF THAT FIGURE BEFORE OUR EYES
WE DID NOT MISUSE OUR POWER, AND WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH THEIR GUIDANCE

ギリ…
WE COMPLETELY DESTROYED THAT PERSON'S 'PATH'—
HOW-EVER…
THE PRIESTESS LEFT THE AMAKUSA-STYLE RE-CAUSE OUR STRENGTH WASN'T SUFFICIENT ENOUGH
OUR IN-EXPERIENCE STOLE THAT PERSON'S PLACE
WHAT A JOKE! IT WAS OUR DESIRE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE HER
ON THE BATTLEFIELD EVERYONE AROUND HER DIED AND SHE WAS CONVINCED THAT IT WAS HER FAULT

WE HAVE TO KEEP AND GIVE HER BACK HER PLACE
WE WANTED TO PROTECT AND HELP ORSOLA AQUINAS
THAT'S WHY
AAAA
BUT THERE IS NO BASIS FOR ME TO BELIEVE THEM!! WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE!?
THAT DOESN'T SEEM UNLIKELY

THAT SCREAM JUST NOW...
ORSOLA!?
HEY YOU
DID YOU TELL HER YOU WERE GOING TO HAND HER OVER TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH?
SHE DIDN'T PLACE HER TRUST IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
BUT IN YOU, RIGHT !!?

A!!
TOUMA
YOU ARE
NOT CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR WORLD, CORRECT?
DAMN
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WE ARE HERE TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE RING-LEADER OF THE HERETICS

HE IS THE ENEMY OF GOD, RIGHT?
HEY
WAIT A SEC
WHAT...?
YOU WON'T MIND LETTING ME SEE ORSOLA'S FACE ONE MORE TIME, RIGHT?
UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE TO DECLINE THAT WISH
WE MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES, SO OUR MAXIMUM PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT HER
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THAT SCREAM? WASN'T THAT ORSOLA'S?
AGNES IS OVER THERE, RIGHT?
I'LL GO ASK HER DIRECTLY!

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TOUMA! WATCH OUT!

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HAH
HAH
HOW DARE YOU --

S-SISTER LUCIA!
HOW DARE YOUR PAGAN HAND!
UM THAT IS
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?
SISTER AGNESE SAID NOT TO CARELESSLY GET TOUCHED BY THE GUESTS ...
MY SHOULDER! SHOULDER! HOW DARE IT TOUCH MY SHOULDER!
THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD'VE DRIVEN THE PAGANS OFF SOONER! IT'S BECAUSE OF REDUNDANT INVESTIGATIONS WERE AUTHORIZED THAT OUR WORKLOAD INCREASED ...
THIS IS THE WORST!
AH!
BE SILENT SISTER ANGELINE!!

AH!
THAT SEEMS LIKE THE EASIEST WAY!
AFTER-WARDS, WE WILL SEAL THAT AMAKUSA-STYLE'S MOUTH AND THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM!
THAT'S RIGHT
THAT AMAKUSA-STYLE MEMBER RESISTED AND YOU WERE ALL KILLED
GUAA
.....!!

HERETIC,
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE 'LEGEND OF THE WHEEL'?
THE MORAL OF THE 'LEGEND OF THE WHEEL' IS AS FOLLOWS
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, IN THE STORIES OF MARTYRS THAT HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN, THE CART WHEEL HAS APPEARED NUMEROUS TIMES AS AN INSTRUMENT OF TORTURE AND EXECUTIONS
THE WHEEL HAS COUNTLESS NUMBER OF BLADES AND NEEDLES IMBEDDED INTO IT AND WAS CREATED TO TEAR LAYMEN FROM LIMB TO LIMB, BUT
COUNTLESS REPORTS STATE THAT THE WHEEL WILL EXPLODE WHEN A SAINT COMES INTO CONTACT WITH IT

THE SINLESS WILL BE SAVED
AND THE SINFUL WILL BE PUNISHED ——!!
SISTER ANGELINE!
Y-YES!
I WON'T LET YOU MAYBE

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THIS IS...

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WORRY ABOUT YOUR-SELF

INDEX! AAVE YOU!

YOU WILL NOT BE SAVED
SISTER ORSOLA IS OUR COMRADE SO WE MUST FOLLOW 'PROCEDURES'
BUT I HAVE NO REASON TO HESITATE IN KILLING YOU
EOT

WHAT...?!
!!
SISTER ANGELINE! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND!!!
Y-YOU'RE MISTAKEN
IT WASN'T ME

CONDENSE THE REMAINING THREE TO ONE POINT, ANIMA AS ONE.
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WHAT!?
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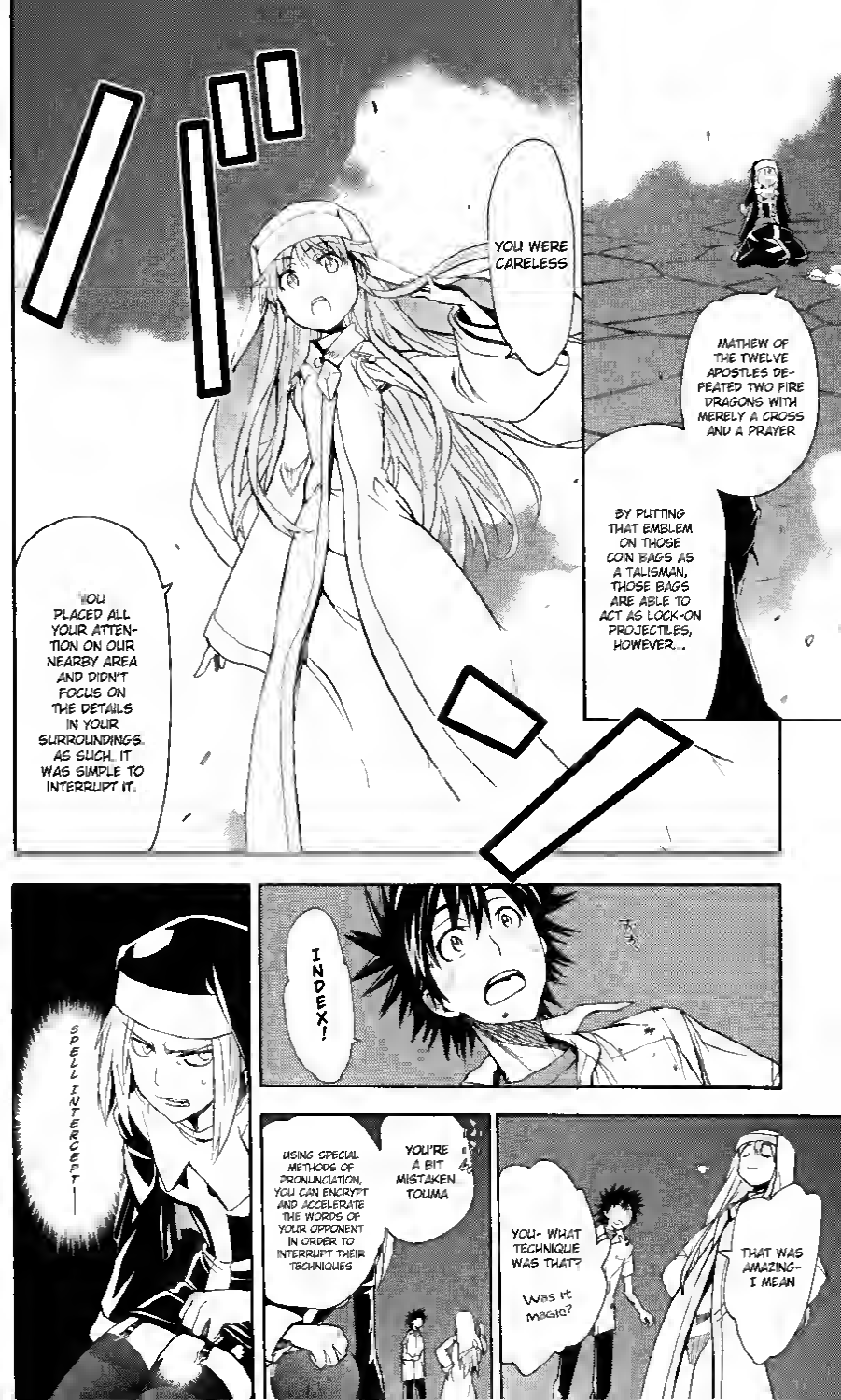
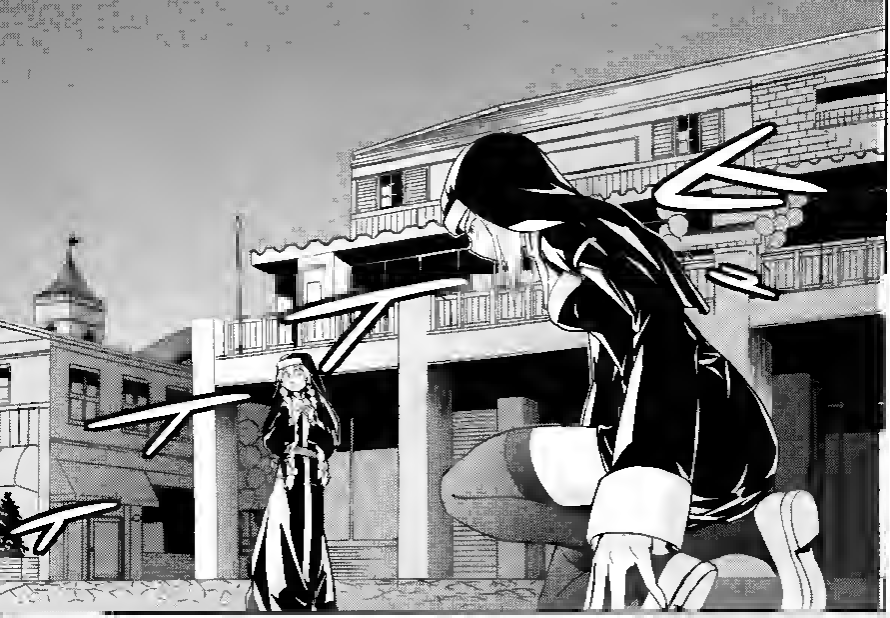
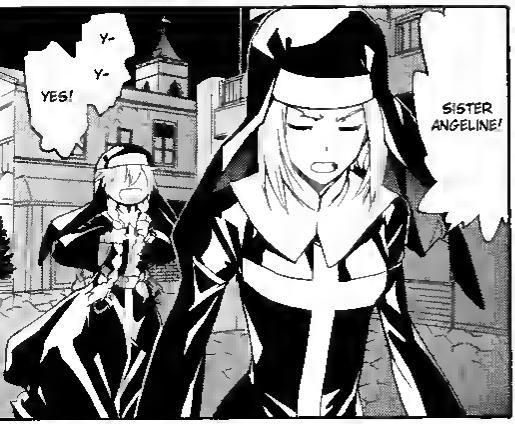
Hi


YOU WERE CARELESS
MATHEW OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES DEFEATED TWO FIRE DRAGONS WITH MERELY A CROSS AND A PRAYER
BY PUTTING THAT EMBLEM ON THOSE COIN BAGS AS A TALISMAN, THOSE BAGS ARE ABLE TO ACT AS LOCK-ON PROJECTILES, HOWEVER...
YOU PLACED ALL YOUR ATTENTION ON OUR NEARBY AREA AND DIDN'T FOCUS ON THE DETAILS IN YOUR SURROUNDINGS. AS SUCH, IT WAS SIMPLE TO INTERRUPT IT.
SPELL INTERCEPT——
INDEX!
YOU'RE A BIT MISTAKEN TOUMA
USING SPECIAL METHODS OF PRONUNCIATION, YOU CAN ENCRYPT AND ACCELERATE THE WORDS OF YOUR OPPONENT IN ORDER TO INTERRUPT THEIR TECHNIQUES
YOU- WHAT TECHNIQUE WAS THAT?
Was it magic?
THAT WAS AMAZING- I MEAN

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YES!
SISTER ANGELINE!

A RETREAT ORDER...?

HEY, WAIT!

ORSOLA IS FINE AT THE MOMENT
LIKE THEY SAID, "WE MUST FOLLOW "PROCEDURES"
YOU CAN'T TOUMA
IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR WOUNDS TREATED..
HEY, YOU GUYS
YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND NOW, RIGHT?

THAT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST RELIGIOUS SECT
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S HIDDEN METHODS

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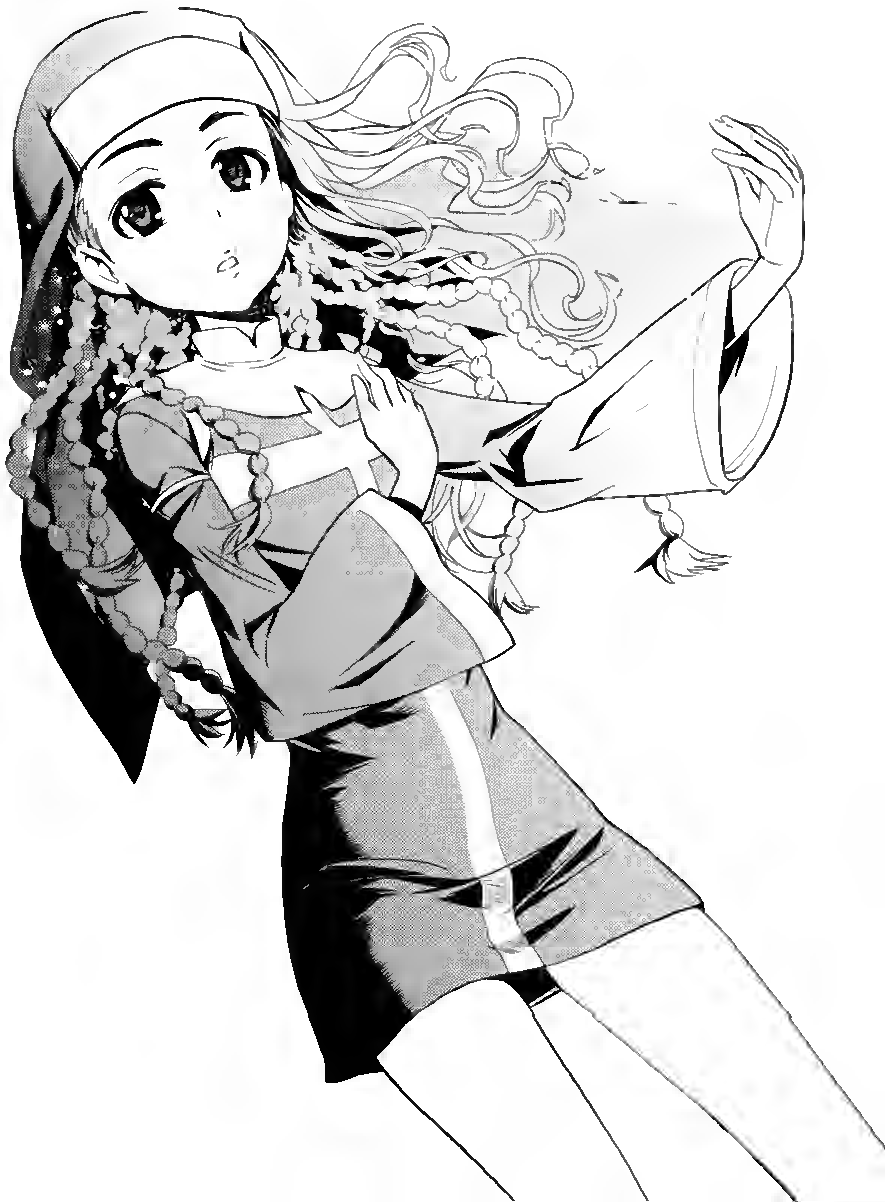
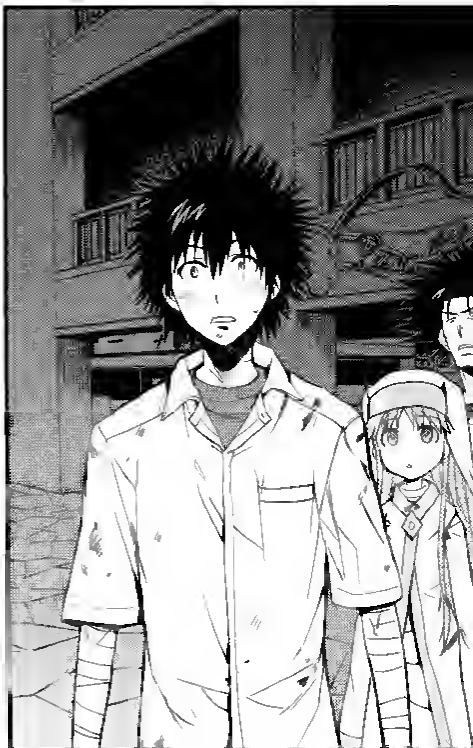


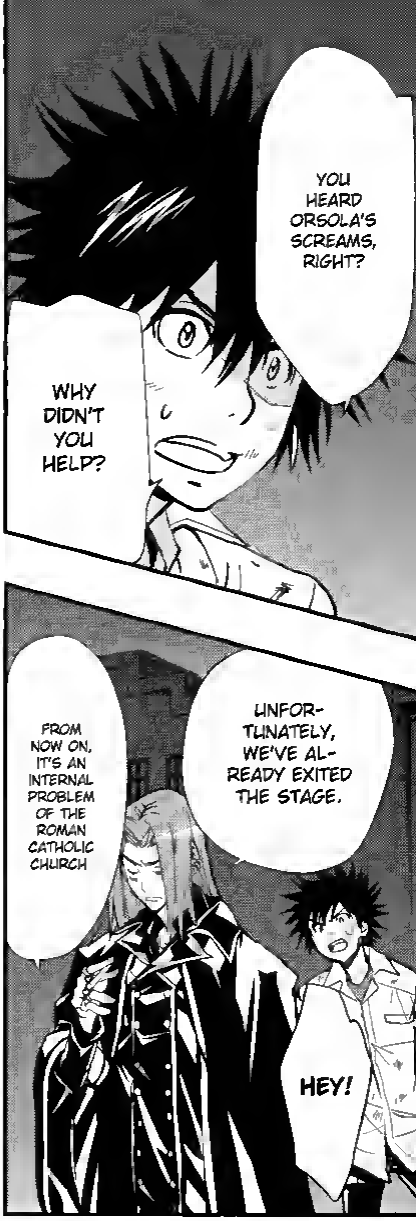
Parallel Sweet Road

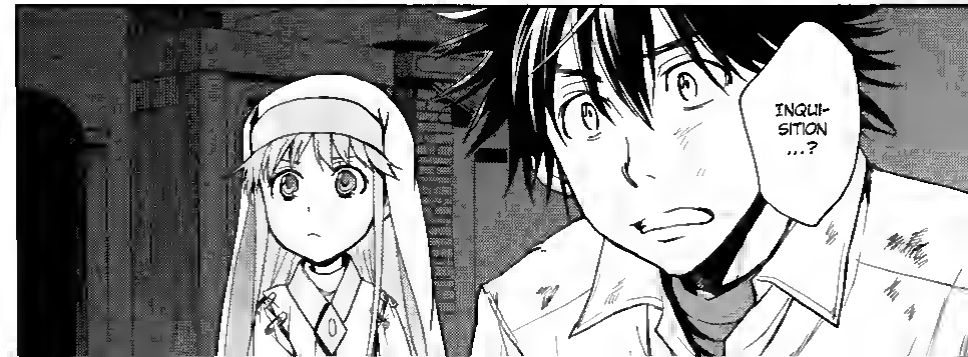
IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THAT MANY PEOPLE
HAVE RETREATED!?
THERE'S .. NO ONE HERE!?



—SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
STIYL.
I'M SURE I LEFT THAT AMAKUSA-STYLE BOUND BY MY CARDS——
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
IT'S NO WONDER ORSOLA AQUINAS CIRCUM-STANCES WERE ODD.
IF EVERYTHING THAT GUY SAID IS TRUE
THEN THAT MEANS THE BOOK OF LAW IS ENSHRINED UNDERNEATH THE VATICAN'S LIBRARY.

ORSOLA AQUINAS' INQUISITION HAS ALREADY BEGUN.


YOU HEARD ORSOLA'S SCREAMS, RIGHT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU HELP?
UNFOR-TUNATELY, WE'VE AL-READY EXITED THE STAGE.
FROM NOW ON, IT'S AN INTERNAL PROBLEM OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
HEY!


INQUI-SITION ...?

TO BE 'WOUNDED BY THE WORD OF GOD THAT YOU BELIEVE IN'.
BASI-CALLY,
THE DECIPHERING OF THE 'BOOK OF LAW' IS A THREAT TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,
BUT ORSOLA HERSELF HAS NOT COMMITTED ANY SINS.
THAT'S WHY THEY NEED PROOF DURING THE TRIALS.
PROOF OF HER 'ACT OF BETRAYAL' THAT IS
MOST LIKELY, AFTER THIS SHE'LL BE SENT BACK TO HER OWN COUN-TRY WHERE THE INQUISITION WILL TAKE PLACE.
AND WITHOUT ASKING ANY QUESTIONS, SHE'LL BE BRANDED AN 'ENEMY OF GOD'—
AND EXECUTED.
—THOSE ARE THE 'PROCE-DURES' THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT...

ANYWAYS, ORSOLA WILL BE ALRIGHT UNTIL THAT TRIAL ENDS, RIGHT?
THEY'LL KILL HER NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, SO JUST OVERLOOK IT AND MOVE ON.
WHERE ARE THOSE GUYS!?
YOU KNOW, RIGHT !?
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO IF YOU KNOW?
DO YOU THINK YOUR FIST WILL BE USEFUL, CONSIDERING IT WAS COMPLETELY BRUSHED ASIDE BY THAT SQUAD OF SISTERS?
THIS IS AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND AS SUCH WE CANNOT EXCEED THEIR RULES USED TO JUDGE.
THE ABUSE OF THE 'BOOK OF LAW' CAUSES WORRY. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, RIGHT?
WE, THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, DO NOT HAVE A REASONABLE REASON TO SAVE ORSOLA.

WELL,
I CAN'T STOMACH FARE-WELLS.
BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF WE GET ANGRY, RIGHT?
TO-TO...
Touma!
Un—♪

IF WE LOWER RANKED MEMBERS POKE OUR NOSE INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S AFFAIRS, THERE IS A CHANCE THAT DISCORD WILL BREAK OUT BETWEEN THE ANGLICAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO STOP THE INTERVENTION.
IF THAT HAPPENS, MANY PEOPLE WILL BE INVOLVED.
...COULD YOU CALM DOWN A BIT?
OR WILL YOU START A WAR...
ONLY BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SAVE ORSOLA?
I UNDERSTAND THAT...
ORSOLA WASN'T DECODING THE 'ROOK OF LAW' FOR HERSELF.
JUST WHAT DO THOSE PEOPLE THINK A PERSON'S LIFE IS...!?

CALM DOWN
BOY,
DON'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAY NOT HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT, BUT I DO
I'M GOING TO SNEAK IN THEIR HIDEOUT AND RESCUE MY COMRADES.
SO, DURING THAT TIME, GO AND RESCUE MISS ORSOLA.
ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO ALONE!?
WHAT?
WE'RE USED TO CLASHING WITH BIG ORGANIZATIONS.
See ya

THE BUS STOP—

THE GRIMOIRE'S POWER WILL NOT BRING ANYONE HAPPINESS,
THAT IS WHY I—
I WONDER WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS....
FOR EXAMPLE,
WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF I HAD OBEDIENTLY TAKEN ORSOLA TO ACADEMY CITY WHEN I FIRST MET HER?
OR IF WE HADN'T HELPED THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ORSOLA WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE WITH THE AMAKUSA-STYLE?
AND SO ON

TOUMA...
THIS IS A MAGICIAN'S PROBLEM. SO IT'S NOT UNREASONABLE FOR YOU TO BE UNCONCERNED, RIGHT?

I'M SURE THE RESULT WOULD'VE BEEN THE SAME.
I BELIEVE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD'VE USED INFILTRATION-TACTICS IN ORDER TO FIND ORSOLA

AH- THAT REMINDS ME.

BUT TATEMIYA SAIJI WILL DO WHAT HE HAS SAID. SO I BELIEVE YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DEPEND ON HIM.
EVEN IF YOU DID NOTHING, I WOULDN'T LOOK DOWN ON YOU.
.....
THAT'S RIGHT.

THE CROSS I GAVE YOU,
YOU DON'T HAVE IT ANYMORE, RIGHT?
SO WHERE IS IT RIGHT NOW?
CROSS
SORRY,
I ENTRUSTED IT TO ORSOLA.
I PUT IT AROUND HER NECK AND SHE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED
BUT WAS THAT SUCH AN EXPENSIVE ITEM?
NO, IT WAS JUST A PLAIN IRON CROSS,
SOMETHING YOU COULD PROBABLY FIND BEING MASS-PRODUCED IN A SMALL FACTORY IN TOWN FOR SOUVENIRS.
THAT ITEM HAD VALUE BECAUSE YOU CARRIED IT
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IN ANY CASE, AT THE MOMENT YOU DON'T NEED IT, RIGHT?

HE IS A TRUE MAGICIAN,
HE HAS MY AD-MIRATION.
SO I DON'T THINK HE WOULD FIGHT A LOOSING BATTLE.

—I WONDER IF TATEMIYA WILL SUCCEED.

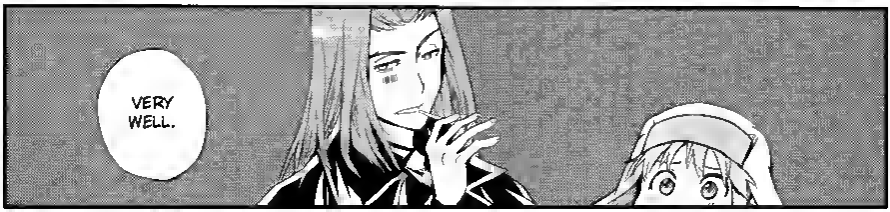
I SEE.

HM

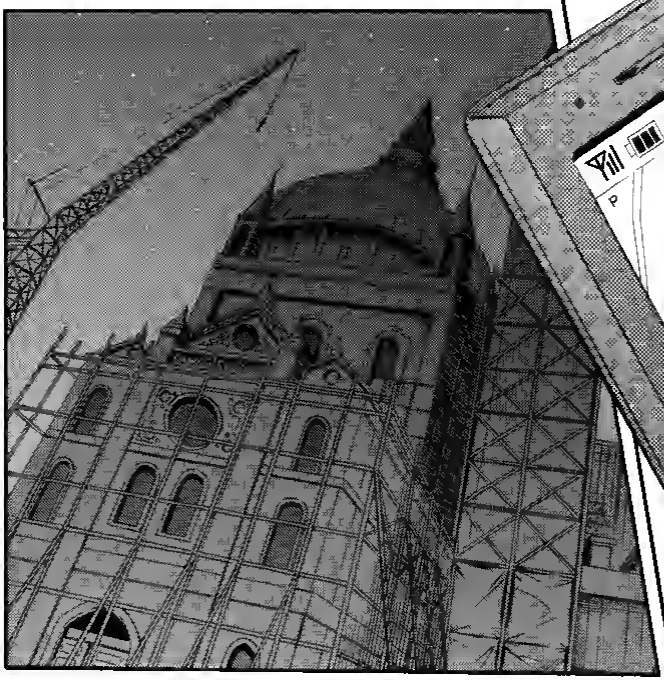
THEN...
LET'S GO HOME.
AH, RIGHT.
BEFORE THAT, THE REFRIGERATOR IS EMPTY.
I'M GONNA GO TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE TO BUY SOMETHING, SO HEAD BACK BEFORE ME.
HUH.
IF IT'S THE 'CONVENIENCE STORE', LET'S GO TOGETHER
IF I BROUGHT YOU ALONG, YOU'D GRADUALLY FILL THE BASKET WITH RANDOM STUFF—
Then
THANKS.

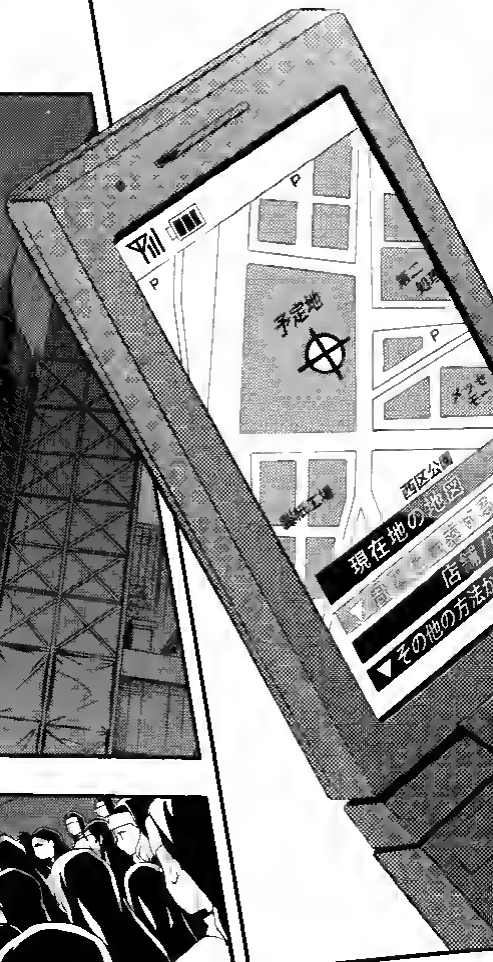
NOT REALLY...
I'M JUST GOING TO LOOK AROUND THE AREA I'LL KNOW IMME-DIATELY WHEN I SEE THE STORE

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?


VERY WELL.

THERE ARE MANY 'PRIVILEGED HOUSES'.
EVEN NOW, NEARBY THE 'CHURCH OF ORSOLA', A NEW HOUSE OF GOD, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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ESTLY,
THIS HAS GONE ON FOR TOO LONG, RIGHT?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU. PLEASE HURRY UP WITH YOUR PUNISHMENT.

IT MAKES ME LAUGH THAT THIS PLACE IS CONNECTED TO SUCH A MULE-ISH, PIG-LIKE NAME!!
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HA!
WAS IT THE 'CHURCH OF ORSOLA'!?
THIS EXALTED CHURCH AND HER NAME WILL BE CHANGED.

!!
BESIDES.

YOU DON'T ACTUALLY THINK THAT, JUST BECAUSE YOU MET BY CHANCE, THE AMAKUSA-STYLE WILL REPLY TO YOUR PLEA?

AMAKUSA-STYLE THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, AND THOSE OTHER IMPERTINENT HOUSES, ALL CALL THEMSELVES AFTER THE SAME CROSS.
THAT'S WRONG THOSE THINGS AREN'T HUMAN
DRIVEN INTO A CORNER, YOU CLUNG ONTO SOME EASTERNERS FROM THIS STINKING ISLAND COUNTRY ....!
OPEN YOUR EYES! THOSE PIGS CAN'T EVEN READ THE BIBLE AND THEY VALUE THEIR PRECIOUS LIVES MORE!

WHY...

WHERE WAS I LED ASTRAY?
I WAN- TO GET RID OF THE FEELING THAT
EVERY- ONE ELSE HAD
I HELD IN MY HANDS THE OBJECT WHICH WOULD BRING RUIN, THE BOOK OF LAW-

WHY DID THAT BOY
IN THE VERY END, ABANDON ME?

HONESTLY,
IT WAS SO EASY TO FOOL THOSE BEASTS!
AS SOON AS YOU TAME THEM THEY'LL BRING YOU THE SPOILS!
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F...
FOOL?
THOSE PEOPLE—
WERE FOOLED...?
THEY WEREN'T COOPERATING WITH YOU?

AM I... CORRECT?
WHY ARE YOU SMILING ...?
SOMEHOW... I AM REALIZING IT.
OUR, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC'S TRUE NATURE—...
THOSE PEOPLE HAVE THINGS THEY BELIEVE IN FOR WHICH THEY WILL TAKE ACTION.
PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS.
THOSE FEELINGS THEY BELIEVE IN... HOW FAR DO THEY REACH?

WE DO NOT ACT BECAUSE OF DOUBTS
BECAUSE OF SUCH UNSIGHTLY THINGS
BUT IN REGARDS TO US—
AND THAT PERSON... WOULD NOT BE IN THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION
AL-THOUGH IT IS THE SAME FOR ME
IF I HAD BELIEVED IN THOSE OF THE AMAKUSA-STYLE FROM THE START, THIS WOULD HAVE NEVER HAPPENED
TRUE FORM
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S
IN THE END, OUR MOST UNSIGHTLY FIGURE IS—

IT'S BEST IF YOU JUST DIE!
AT BEST YOU COULD OPEN YOUR EYES AND HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST THOSE IDIOTS!
THEN PLEASE DO AS YOU WISH!!
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THOSE PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT...
FURTHER-MORE... I'M A STRANGER THAT CAME RUNNING TO THEM
SHOULD I RESENT?
JUST WHAT...

LOOK...
THIS IS THE GREATEST GIFT...
THAT THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER.

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THAT SOUND ...
THE BARRIER BROKE!?
IT CAN'T BE—

AH-!
HM
I WAS THINKING, "YOU'RE NOT A MAGICIAN, BUT JUST SOME SHITTY NOVICE. SO HOW COULD YOU TAKE THAT BARRIER DOWN?"...
BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT YOU MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF "POWER,"
RIGHT?

#53 The Archbishop's Cross

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LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING.
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO DECEIVE US?
DECEIVE?

YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND JUST BY SEEING THE SITUATION?
WHAT 'DECEIVING?'
HONESTLY, YOU'RE DEFINITELY AN IDIOT AMONG IDIOTS.
THE PEOPLE FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WERE SMART ENOUGH TO LEAVE ALREADY, BUT YOU...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
WELL, WITH THIS MANY PEOPLE AS YOUR OPPONENTS, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ALONE
IF YOU WANT TO RETURN, WE'LL OVERLOOK ALL THIS, OK?
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
HU!

NOW,
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU SHOULD DO?
YOU HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS. LET'S HEAR YOU SAY IT.
RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NOTHING THAT I CAN DO——
THAT'S RIGHT
CERTAINLY, THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE
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BAS TARD
WHAT KIND OF BEHA-VIOUR IS THIS—!?
YOU'RE SAYING,
WHAT I SHOULD DO?
DON'T MESS AROUND!

I CAME HERE TO SAVE ORSOLA!!
INTER-ESTING.
YOU ARE VERY
LET'S SHOW HIM...
JUST HOW LONG HIS OWN POWER CAN LAST AGAINST OVER 200 OPPONENTS !!!
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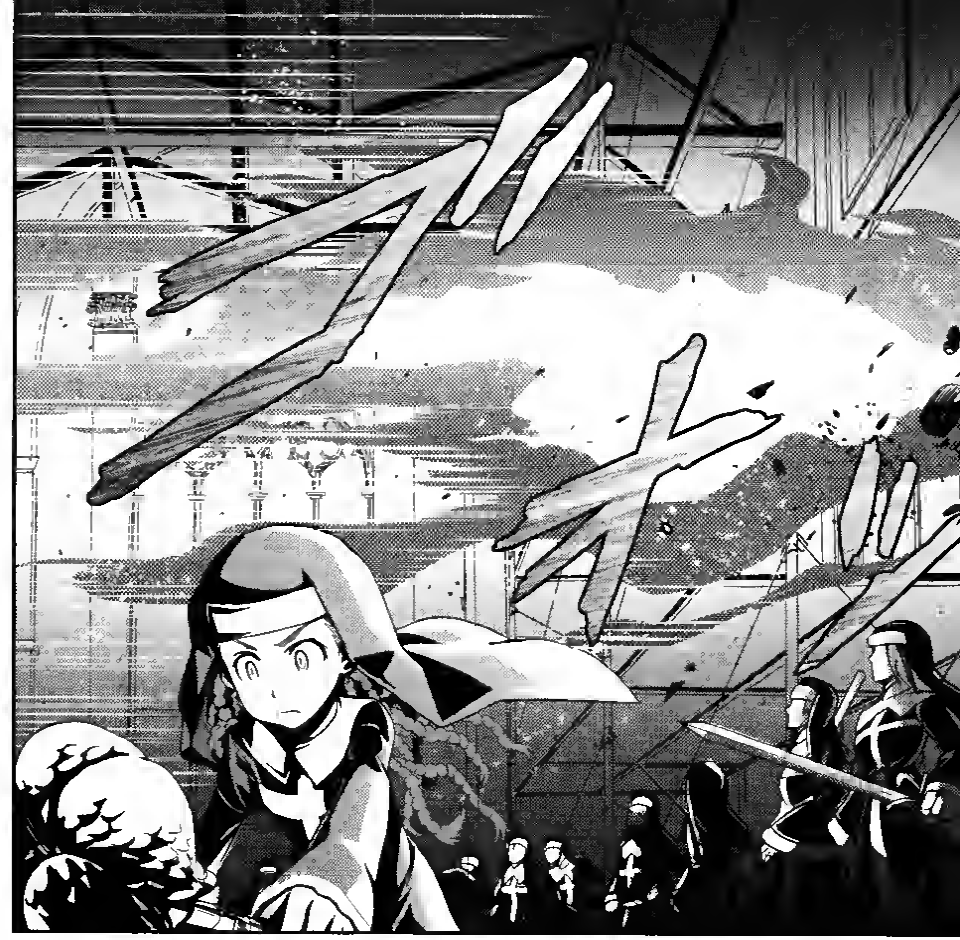

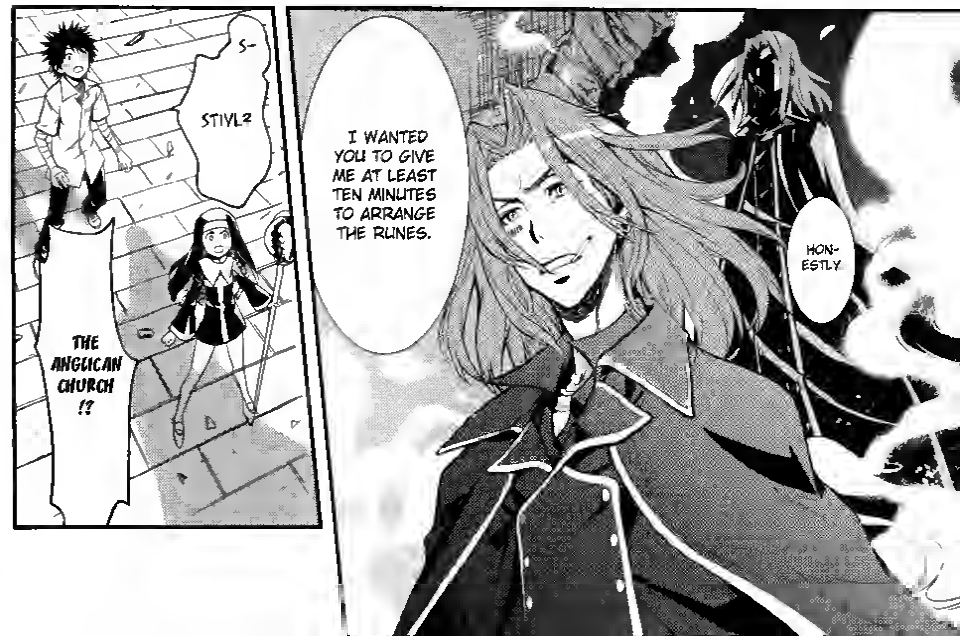
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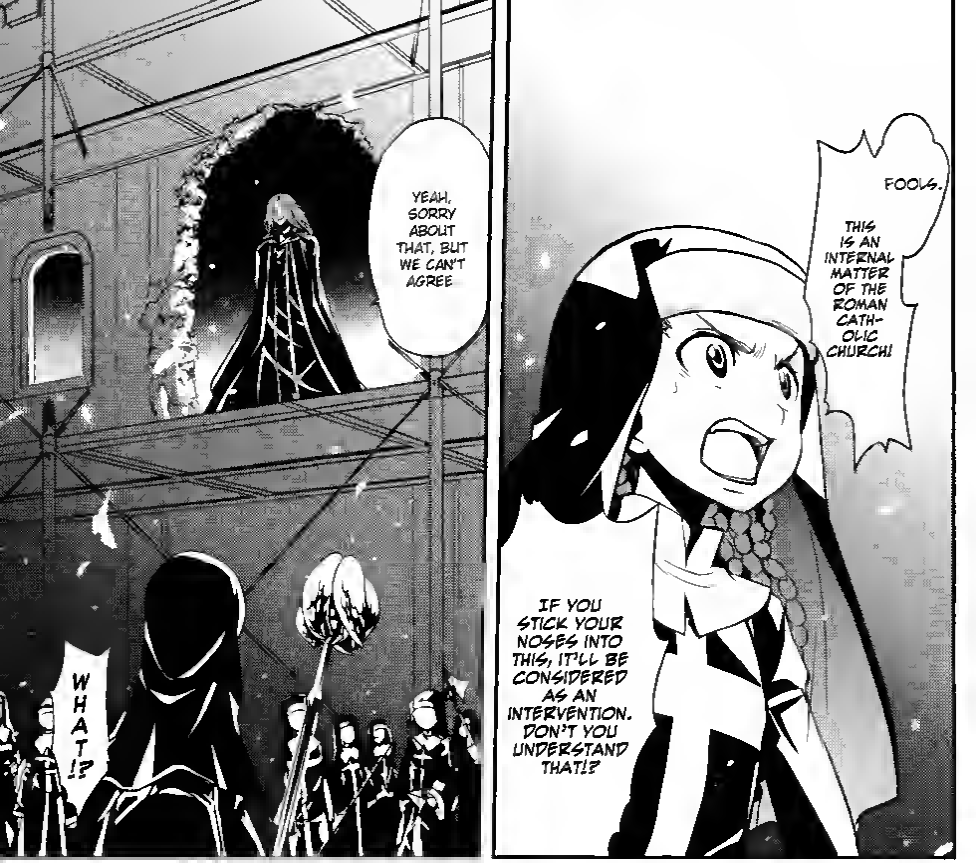
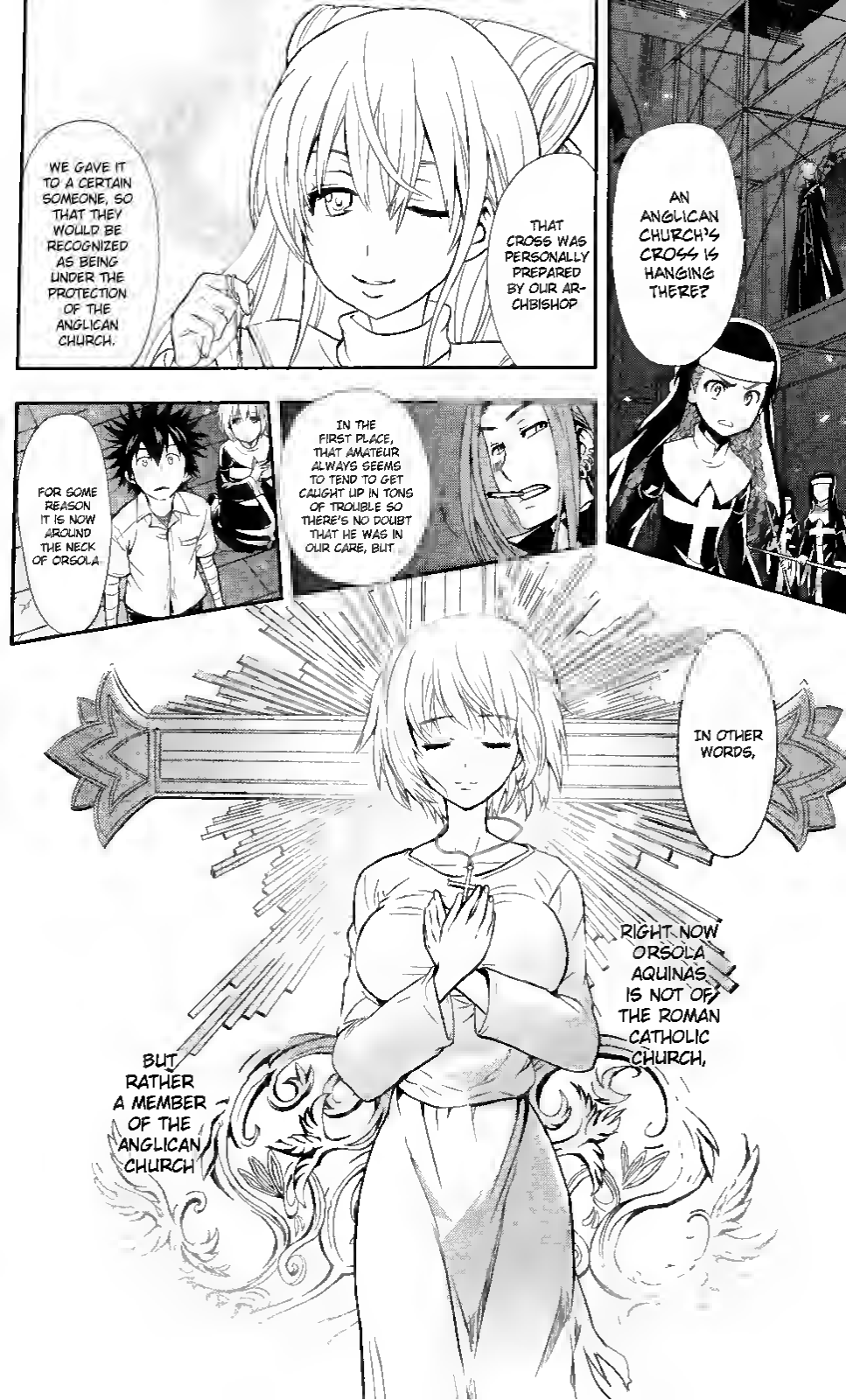
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH !?
I WANTED YOU TO GIVE ME AT LEAST TEN MINUTES TO ARRANGE THE RUNES.
HON-ESTLY.


YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT WE CAN'T AGREE
WHAT!?
FOOLS.
THIS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER OF THE ROMAN CATH-OLIC CHURCH!
IF YOU STICK YOUR NOSES INTO THIS, IT'LL BE CONSIDERED AS AN INTERVENTION. DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT!?

LOOK AT ORSOLA AQUINAS CHEST.


WE GAVE IT TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE, SO THAT THEY WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS BEING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.
THAT CROSS WAS PERSONALLY PREPARED BY OUR ARCHBISHOP
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH'S CROSS IS HANGING THERE?
FOR SOME REASON IT IS NOW AROUND THE NECK OF ORSOLA
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT AMATEUR ALWAYS SEEMS TO TEND TO GET CAUGHT UP IN TONS OF TROUBLE SO THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HE WAS IN OUR CARE, BUT
IN OTHER WORDS,
RIGHT NOW ORSOLA AQUINAS IS NOT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,
BUT RATHER A MEMBER OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

SHE WAS SO DELIGHTED AT THAT TIME.
I SEE, SO THAT'S WHY.
HOWEVER, IF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PLANS TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL OF THIS GIRL...
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WILL NOT IDLY STAND BY
DO YOU THINK WE'LL ACCEPT SUCH SOPHISTRY !!?
OF COURSE NOT.

THERE AREN'T JUST TWO PEOPLE.
IF YOU WERE TO TURN YOUR SWORD ON THAT CHILD.
ESPECIALLY
EVEN IF THERE ARE TWO OF YOU INSTEAD OF ONE, YOU STILL CAN'T...
TCH!

TATE-MIYA ...!
BEFORE YOU MADE A MOVE I WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE PLAN WE MADE BUT—

YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK US WHY WE'RE FIGHTING, RIGHT?

AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT'S WHY I SAID THE MAGICIAN'S SIDE WILL SETTLE EVERYTHING
IN?
THAT'S RIGHT

WELL,
I DON'T HATE INTERESTING IDIOTS LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE MORE OF AN IDIOT THAN I THOUGHT YOU'D BE

INDEX...
EVEN YOU...

LET'S SAVE ORSOLA AQUINAS
WITH OUR OWN HANDS!
BUT, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW.
YEAH!

KILL THEM.

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SORRY FOR COMING LATE,
HOW'RE YOUR INJURIES?
FINE..

DON'T BE CONCERNED
ABOUT SOMETHING OF THIS DEGREE
DAMN IT
WHAT THE HELL.
YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO FIGHT FOR SUCH AN OBVIOUS THING.

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I HAVE TO HURRY IT UP..!
THANKS!

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THE SCAF-FOLDING CAN'T SUPPORT SO MANY PEOPLE AT ONCE!

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WHAT...?

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ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH, A-A-
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
You're not angry?
NO, INDEX
THEY'RE COMING TOWARDS YOU!!
WELL, FOR NOW...
THIS IS BAD.

INDEX!!
Y-YES.
LOOK FOR A SAFE PLACE AND PLEASE STAY THERE.

#54 Sheol Fear

I'LL LET THE LITTLE DISTURBANCES SLIDE, BUT FIGHTING AGAINST THIS MANY PEOPLE IS A BIT TROUBLESOME
OUR GUYS CAN HOLD ON BUT...

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TCH
DON'T SHOW ME SUCH A BORING SCENE!
STOP!!

DON'T APPROACH HER CARELESSLY!
RIGHT NOW SHE'S MORE POWERFUL ALONE
IF WE APPROACH HER, WE'LL END UP TAKING AWAY THAT STRENGTH!
WHAT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN..

WHA...

"SHEOL FEAR",
THE ENTIRE WORLD'S WISDOM IS COLLECTED IN THOSE 103,000 TEXTS AND IS BEING USED OVER THERE
TO COMPLETELY DENOUNCE THE RELIGIOUS CONTRADICTIONS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
JUST WHAT EXACTLY'S HAPPENING?
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THOSE GIRLS WEREN'T BLOWN AWAY,
THEY JUMPED ON THEIR OWN.
IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THAT GIRL'S "WHISPERING".
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THE MUSCLES ON THEIR LEGS ARE TORN
HEY, HEY, THIS...
HUMANS ARE LED BY THE CHRSTIAN OS.
CHRIST-IANITY'S CONTRA-DICTIONS,
IN OTHER WORDS, A SECURITY HOLE, IS PRECISELY PIERCED THROUGH BY SHEOL FEAR. IT'S BETTER TO SAY THAT IT'S CHRISTIANITY'S NATURAL ENEMY.
IF THEY HEAR IT, ALTHOUGH TEMPORARY, THEIR PERSONALITIES WILL BE SPLIT LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE.
THE GRIMOIRE ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN BE READ EASILY.
SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MASTER THE GRIMOIRES WHILE SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MAGICAL ABILITY-!
THERE IS NO ONE MORE APPROPRIATE TO BE THE MAGICAL LIBRARY THAN HER

THAT'S AMAZING
IF YOU HAD SUCH A HIDDEN GEM, WHY DIDN'T YOU USE IT FROM THE BEGINNING!?
IF YOU HAD USED THAT WHEN FIGHTING US, IT WOULD'VE EASILY ENDED, RIGHT?
AFTER "SHEOL FEAR" IS ACTIVATED, IT BECOMES A QUESTION OF HOW "PURE" THE GROUP'S PSYCHOLOGY IS
THOSE WITH THE SAME IDEOLOGY ARE A "PURE" GROUP AND MAKE USING IT EASY. HOWEVER IF THERE IS A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE MIXED IN, IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT.
IT DOESN'T WORK AGAINST INDIVIDUAL IDEOLOGIES
IN OTHER WORDS RIGHT NOW IF YOU OR I WERE TO MEDDLE WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE REQUIREMENT FOR "SHEOL FEAR" TO WORK WOULD BE VOID.
THAT ATTACK IS ALSO DELICATE AND DANGEROUS

THAT'S WHY I'M ACTING AS HER GUARD.
I SEE.
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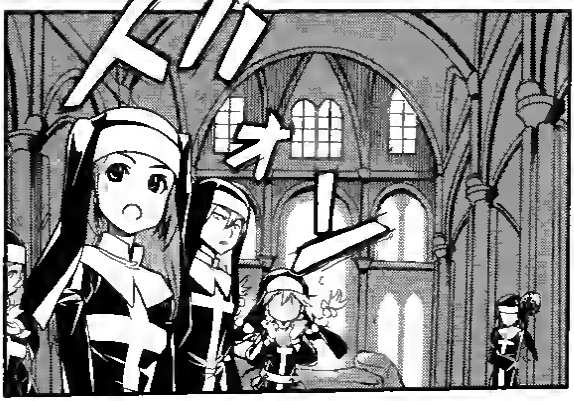
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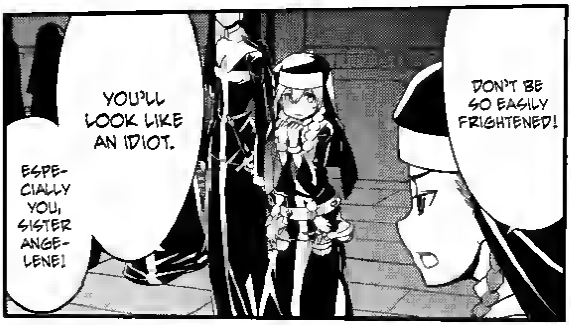
DON'T BE SO EASILY FRIGHTENED!
YOU'LL LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT.
ESPECIALLY YOU, SISTER ANGELENE!

H-HOWEVER, AGNESE
HASN'T IT BEEN OVER TEN MINUTES SINCE THE BATTLE BEGAN 2

W-WE SHOULD ALSO MAKE A MOVE!
IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE, WE CAN SPARE SOME PEOPLE HERE...
Y-YES!
I WILL MAKE SURE THOSE GUYS CAN'T ESCAPE!!
PLEASE JOIN THE BATTLE.
IN THAT CASE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY GUARD IS CLEAR
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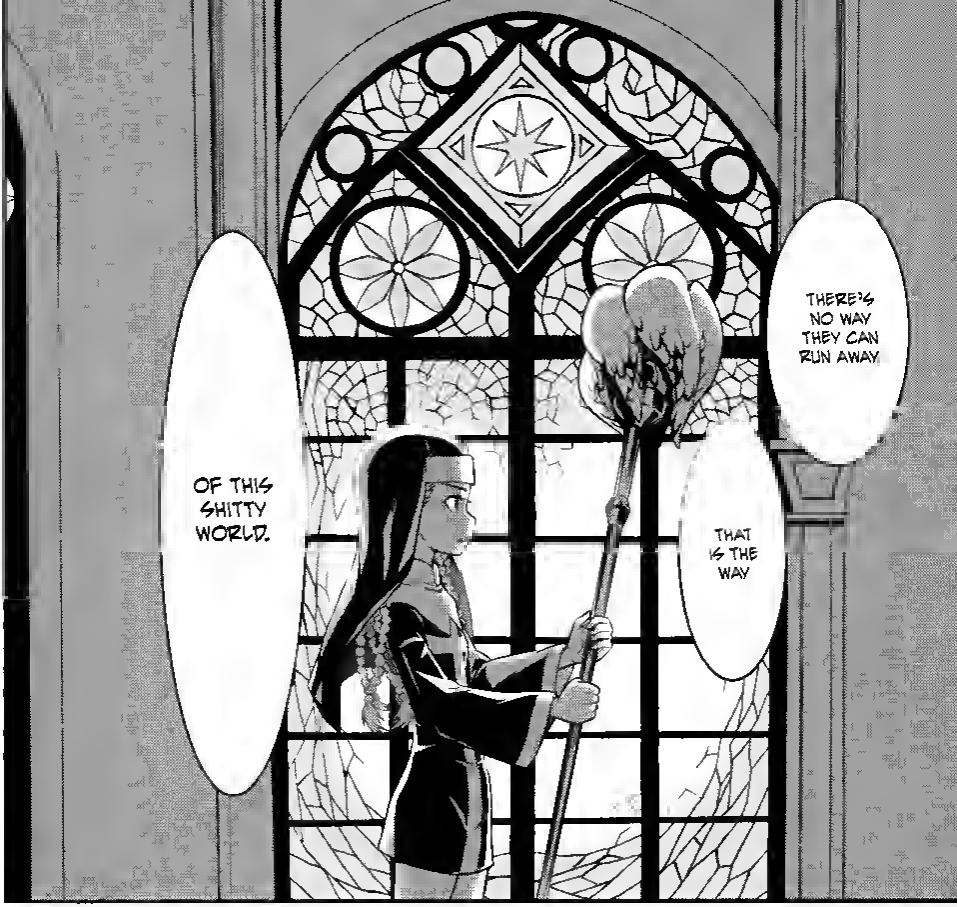
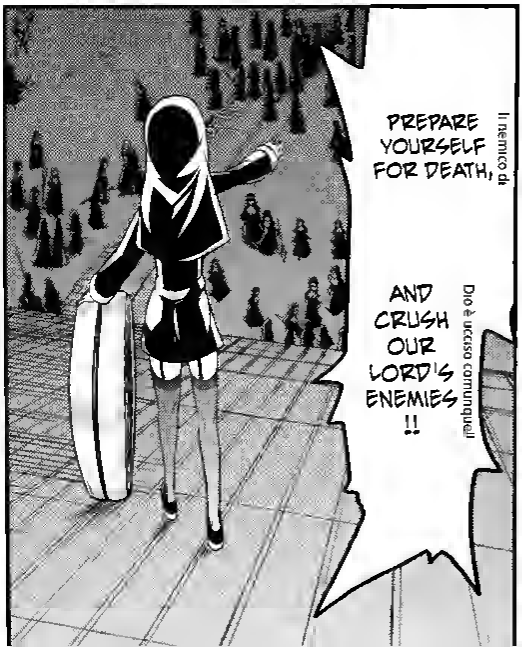
SEE
JUST WHO LET OFF THAT EXPLOSION JUST NOW?
JUST THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE... THIS ISN'T NORMAL AT ALL
THEY CAN'T ESCAPE...


THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN RUN AWAY
THAT IS THE WAY
OF THIS SHITTY WORLD.


PREPARE YOURSELF FOR DEATH,
Il nemico di
AND CRUSH OUR LORD'S ENEMIES !!
Dio è ucciso comunque!!

FOCUS MORE ON ATTACKING,
Da priorità di cima
MINIMIZE DEFENSE!
ad un attacco!

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TO
AVOID
"SHEOL
FEAR"
THEY
...!?

DAMN IT...!

OVER HERE!!
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WELL, FOR NOW
Sigh
EVERYONE SEEMS ALRIGHT...
MY "SHEOL FEAR"
A-ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY CRUSHED THEIR HEARING AND ITS EFFECTIVE-NESS
STOPPED
SO? WHAT SHOULD WE DO FROM NOW ON?
YES...
THE ENEMY IS THE SCARIEST WHEN THEY ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT EVEN AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.
I THINK THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES MY SUBORDINATES SEEMINGLY INFLICT DAMAGE IT HAS NO EFFECT, BUT

WHAT IF...
WHAT IF I HAD THE "BOOK OF LAW", THEN I COULD POSSIBLY DECIPHER IT AND DISCOVER A MEANS OF ESCAPE, BUT...
IT'S HERE!
CERTAINLY, IF YOU HAD A WAY TO DECIPHER IT WE COULD ANNOUNCE IT AND USE IT FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ACTUAL "BOOK OF LAW" IS IN JAPAN, LET ALONE NEARBY, IS ZERO, RIGHT?
HOWEVER, "THE BOOK OF LAW" BEING "STOLEN"
WAS A PLOY IN ORDER FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO FRAME US, NO?

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IT'S HERE! THE "BOOK OF LAW" IS HERE, RIGHT NOW!
INDEX!
SINCE YOU'VE SEEN THE TEXT BEFORE, YOU SHOULD STILL HAVE IT MEMORIZED, RIGHT?
YEAH,
THE UNDECRYPTED TEXT IN MY HEAD HAS BEEN LEFT UNTOUCHED.

IF YOU DO THAT, SHE'LL MEMORIZE THE CONTENTS OF THE DECRYPTED "BOOK OF LAW"!
IN THAT CASE, IF WE USE ORSOLA'S DECRYPTION METHOD—
YOU CAN'T!!
WON'T EVEN MORE MAGICIANS COME AFTER HER ONCE THAT HAPPENS!?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?

KAMIJOU TOUMA !!
WH-
WHAT !?
DAMN IT!
??
I WILL THOROUGHLY BURN YOUR HEART, BODY AND SOUL UNTIL THERE IS NOTHING LEFT BUT ASHES!!
BECOME STRONGER AND OVERCOME THE SITUATION!
IF THIS FAILS AND SHE COLLAPSES,

SO, WHAT IS THE DECRYPTION METHOD FOR THE "BOOK OF LAW"?
AH... YES.
I WILL TELL YOU NOW.
THE "BOOK OF LAW"—
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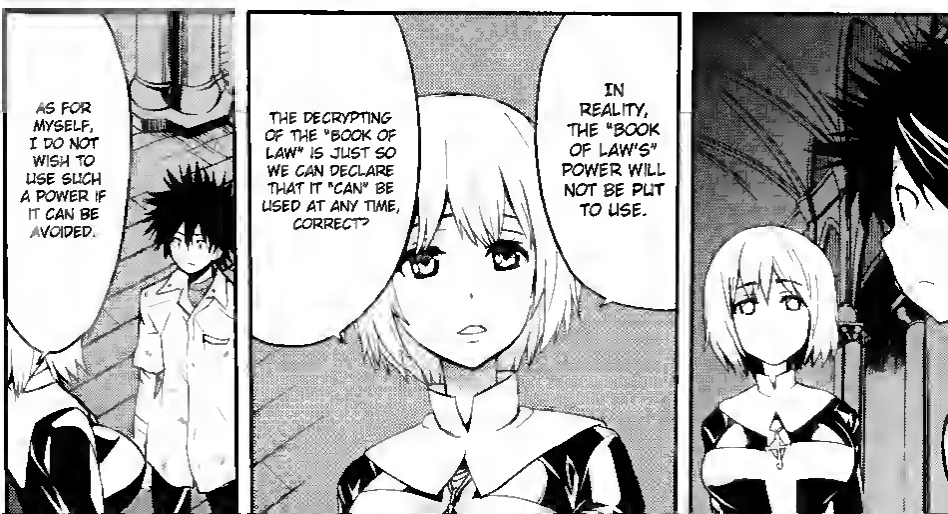
THE POWER OF A SINGLE BOOK.
IT POSSESSES THE POWER TO COMPLETELY CHANGE THE WORLD — AND IT HONESTLY DOESN'T SEEM REAL, BUT—

IF IN REALITY, SUCH A THING WAS TO OCCUR...
IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT FOR SUCH A GRAND POWER TO BE IN THE CARELESS HANDS OF MAN?
SOMEHOW, EVEN IF I COULD STRUGGLE THROUGH THIS SITUATION,
AT THAT TIME, WILL WE ONCE AGAIN BE FIGHTING OVER THE USE OF THE "BOOK OF LAW"-?
WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT...? BASED ON WHAT STIYL SAID, WE MIGHT HAVE STARTED SOMETHING DANGEROUS.


AS FOR MYSELF, I DO NOT WISH TO USE SUCH A POWER IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED.
THE DECRYPTING OF THE "BOOK OF LAW" IS JUST SO WE CAN DECLARE THAT IT "CAN" BE USED AT ANY TIME, CORRECT?
IN REALITY, THE "BOOK OF LAW'S" POWER WILL NOT BE PUT TO USE.

YEAH, I UNDER-STAND.
THAT WAS IT.
ORSOLA RESEARCHED THE "BOOK OF LAW" SO THAT SHE HAD THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE GRIMOIRE.
THIS DEVE-LOPMENT WAS NOT WHAT ORSOLA DESIRED.
EVEN SO,
SHE BRAVED A GREAT RISK IN ORDER TO LEND HER STRENGTH
FOR OUR SAKE-!

Note: Temurah is one of the three ancient methods used by Kabbalists to rearrange words and sentences in the Bible. See the wiki entry for Temurah for more info.

THE TITLE OF THE COMPILATION WILL BE "THE END OF TWO ERAS" AND IN THE ENOCHIAN LANGUAGE IT WILL DESCRIBE THE "ANGELIC TECHNIQUE"
ONCE YOU DO THAT A SINGLE SENTENCE WILL REMAIN
YOU FREELY USE THE LETTER LINEAGE REPLACEMENT PATTERN AND TRANSFORM THE PARAGRAPHS
THE NEXT STEP IS TO COLLECTIVELY SORT THE PAGES
CALLY IT'S A METHOD OF SUBSTITUTING LETTERS.
BUT THE ROUTE OF THE DECRYPTION IS INFLUENCED BY A PROFOUND LINAGE
TO START WITH, YOU USE THE 22 LETTERS OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET, DISTRIBUTE THEM INTO TWO ROWS AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE LINAGE OF THE TOP ROW—
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN INDEX SO SERIOUS.

UMM... WHAT IS IT EXACTLY THAT YOU UNDER-STAND?

THAT'S ENOUGH
I UNDER-STAND IT NOW.

IT'S A TRAP THAT WAS PREPARED; A DUMMY METHOD.
THIS IS NOT THE CORRECT CRYPT-ANALY-SIS.

I'M SORRY,
I ALSO GOT THIS FAR WITH MY METHOD
THE TERRIFYING THING ABOUT THE "BOOK OF LAW" IS THAT...
TH-
THAT'S
THERE ARE A HUNDRED OR MORE WAYS TO DECRYPT IT.
THEY SAY NO ONE CAN READ THE "BOOK OF LAW", BUT IT'S ACTUALLY THE OPPOSITE.
EVERY METHOD THAT SEEMS "CORRECT" IS REALLY ONLY ONE OF COUNTLESS WAYS TO REACH A FALSE TEXT.

EVERY-ONE CAN READ THE BOOK, BUT NO ONE CAN REACH THE CORRECT TEXT
THAT IS THE KIND OF HORRIBLE GRIMOIRE IT IS.
WELL,
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU CAN'T REALLY HELP IT.

HEY, RATHER THAN WORRY ABOUT THE DECRYPTION METHOD AND STUFF, DO YOU THINK THOSE GUYS WILL FORGIVE US?
HONESTLY... DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU DON'T HAVE COUNTER-MEASURES IN PLACE AND WE'VE BEEN TAKING REFUGE IN A DEAD-END?
AT THE VERY LEAST, I WANTED TEN MINUTES TO ARRANGE MY RUNES.
THAT'S PROB-ABLY IMPOS-SIBLE.
YEAH, PROB-ABLY...

THIS WAY!

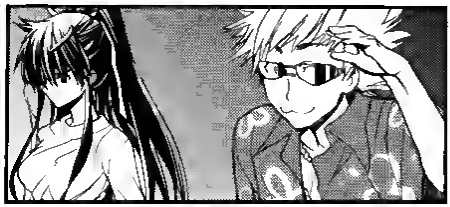
HEY
HAVEN'T THEIR NUMBERS INCREASED FROM BEFORE?

TSUCHI-MIKADO
YOUR EX-COM-RADES DIDN'T KIDNAP ORSOLA.
ISN'T THAT GREAT?

BUT DIDN'T YOU PLAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND STEAL THE "BOOK OF LAW" FROM UNDER THEIR NOSES?
NYAHAI
NOW, NOW.

HAVE YOU FINISHED ON YOUR END?
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT "JOB", THEN YEAH,

YOU KNOW THE CIRCUM-STANCES RIGHT?
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PLANTED FALSE CHARGES THAT THE AMAKUSA-STYLE CHURCH STOLE THE "BOOK OF LAW".
BUT EVEN NOW, THE BOOK IS DEEP WITHIN THE INTERIOR OF THE VATICAN LIBRARY



IT'LL PROBABLY BE A CLOSE GAME,
BUT IS IT ALRIGHT IF YOU DON'T GO HELP THEM, NYA?

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DAMN IT...

ORSOLA...!!
SHE DODGED !?
JUST HOW DID SHE DO THAT ..!

WIRE..!?
IT'S OUR TURN! EVERY-ONE!

THEY'RE FINALLY HERE!
IT'S THE AMAKUSA-STYLE MAIN FORCES!

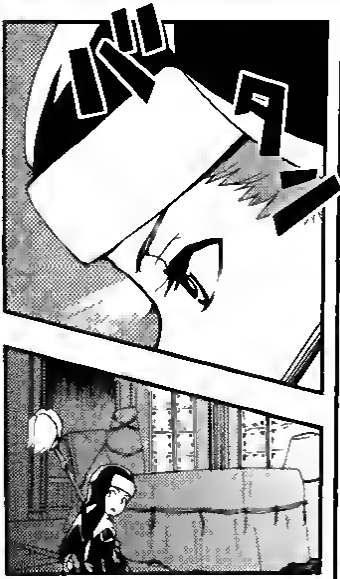
I DON'T HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO STAND BEFORE THEM
BESIDES, THEY NO LONGER NEED MY STRENGTH
HMM
YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH THIS?
YEAH.
MORE THAN I EXPECTED

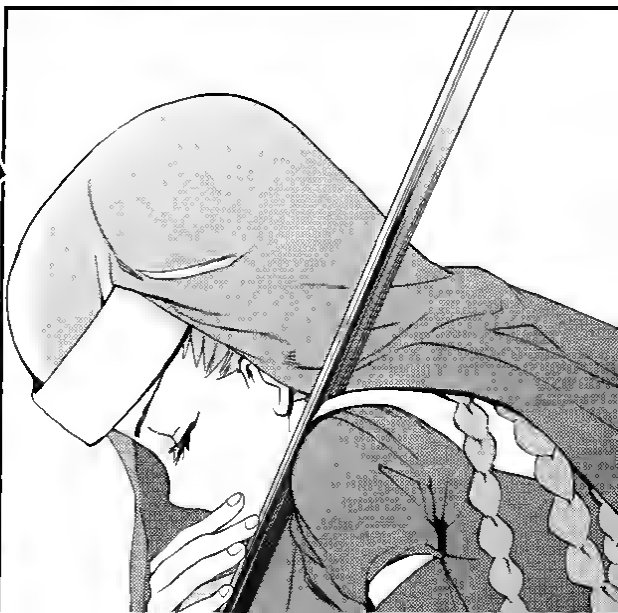
IF THEY ARE THERE, THE AMAKUSA-STYLE CAN WALK DOWN THE CORRECT PATH.
THEY... HAVE BECOME EXCEED-INGLY STRONG.

WHAT IS IT?
TSUCHIMIKADO
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
YOU DIDN'T EXPECT THAT KAMIYAN WOULD GET INVOLVED IN THE SITUATION THIS TIME, RIGHT?
AND THAT STRUGGLE WITH INDEX DIDN'T ALLOW YOU TO SAY YOUR THANKS, NYA? AT THAT TIME YOU WERE COMPLETELY OPEN TOO.
IT WASN'T MY INTENTION NOT TO APOLOGIZE.
THAT'S NOT SUCH A COMMON MISTAKE YOU CAN FORGIVE.
TH-THAT IS—
OH~ THAT'S WHERE YOU DECLARED ALL CLINGY AND NOBLY, "I WILL RETURN THE FAVOR FOR ALL THE TROUBLE THAT I HAVE CAUSED HIM UNTIL NOW!"
OR "NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I MUST TELL HIM!" BUT WERE YOUR INTENTIONS PURE?

YOU'RE MISTAKEN! RETURNING A DEBT IS ONLY COMMON SENSE!
MY, MY, I HIT THE BULLSEYE☆, NYA?
Bu fu fu
You're so serious~~~
Wh-What! How did you get there!!? I won't!!
THEN WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHES ARE YOU GONNA WEAR?
!?
SO YOU'LL REALLY UNDRESS?

WE'LL ACT AS A DECOY SO YOU CAN ESCAPE.
HEY, YOU GUYS.
WE CAN'T GIVE THE AMAKUSA-STYLE ANY MORE TROUBLE...
THAT'S...
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THINKING OF SUCH AN ABSURD THING!?
I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE PROFESSIONAL MAGICIANS... BUT THEY OUTNUMBER YOU!
EVEN IF YOU TEAMED UP WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY!
BUT FACING DEATH, SHALL WE RUN?
BEING THE DECOY? OF COURSE THEY AREN'T PLEASED.





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HMM...
I WONDER HOW YOU MADE IT HERE?
WITH THAT MANY ENEMIES
WELL
IT'S A BIT RIDICULOUS,
BUT THERE'S A PLAN
SEE?

AHHH
I SEE. I SEE
THAT'S THE REASON
YOU SUDDENLY APPEAR AND PUT ON AIRS.
A PLANE
BUT YOU ONLY MADE IT HERE BY USING YOUR COMRADES AS DECOYS, RIGHT!!
KU KU KU KU ....
AND ORSOLA AQUINAS SAID:
"THEIR ACTIONS ARE BASED ON TRUST, NOT DECEIT"
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

I TRUST THEM.
NO.
YOU'RE WRONG.
HOW LAUGH-ABLE!!
YOU'RE STILL BREATH-ING AFTER ALL!!!
IN THE END, RIGHT NOW, JUST WHO DECEIVED WHOM?
IF THEY COULD TRUST ME TOO, I WOULD BE OVERJOYED,
BUT THE PROBLEMS NEED TO BE FIXED HERE.
FOR THOSE GUYS, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THEY CAN'T DO.
AS FOR MYSELF, THERE ARE THINGS I CAN'T DO, BUT THERE ARE ALSO THINGS ONLY I CAN DO.
IT'S LIKE THAT

...YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP THE ATTACKS BY TAKING OUT THE LEADER?

INCI-DENTALLY, I HAVE FAR TOO MUCH FREE TIME.
WELL, WHAT-EVER.
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As above, so below,
Come sopra, così sotto,
the fifth of the five elements,
Il quinto degli elementi
open the crosier that symbolizes peace and order
attiva il pastorale che simbolizza la pace e l'ordine
The first icon
la prima icona
under the law of God's Child and the Cross,
che rispetta la legge del Figlio e della Croce di Dio
link foreign objects
Collega oggetti
…?
and people!!
e persone diverse!

LET'S ENJOY OUR-SELVES!
I'LL CRUSH YOUR ILLUSIONS!

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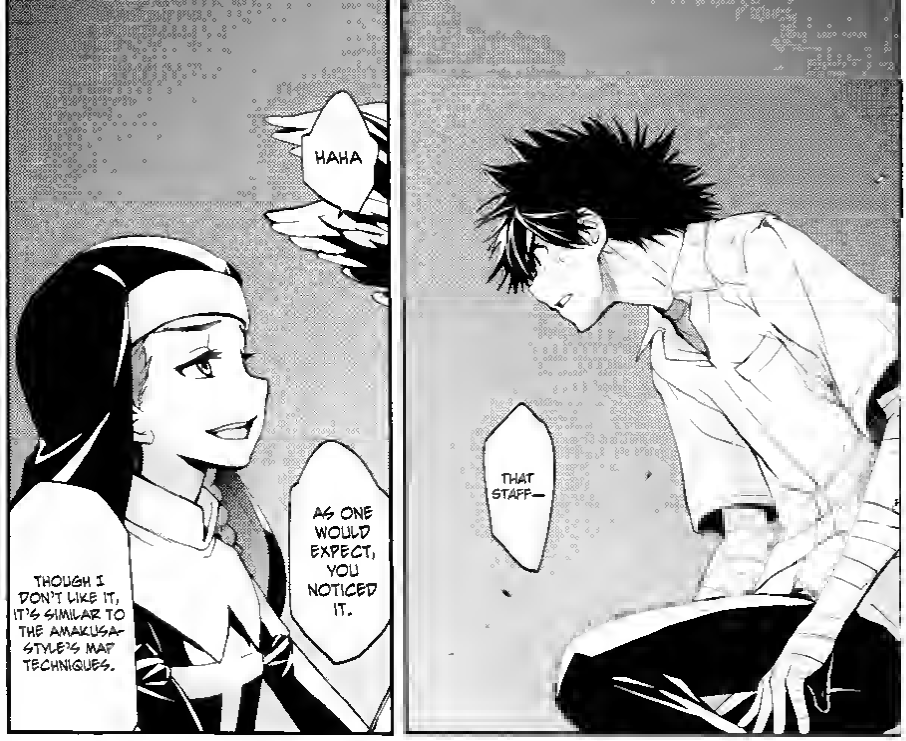
WHERE DID THAT ATTACK COME FROM!?
I CAN'T SEE IT AT ALL!!?
FAST...
NO—!

COORDINATE ATTACKS —!?
IT'S A TYPE OF TELEPOR-TATION ATTACK!!


HAHA
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, YOU NOTICED IT.
THOUGH I DON'T LIKE IT, IT'S SIMILAR TO THE AMAKUSA-STYLE'S MAP TECHNIQUES.
THAT STAFF—

THE "LOTUS WAND".
BY THE WAY, WHAT I HOLD IS AN ETHER WEAPON.
BUT THIS ONE HAS A SPECIAL CHARACTER-ISTIC...

DID YOU KNOW THAT MODERN WESTERN MAGICIANS USE THE ELEMENTS OF FIRE, WIND, WATER, EARTH AND ETHER, WITH EACH ELEMENT HAVING A SYMBOLIC WEAPON?
FOR EXAMPLE, FIRE IS A "STICK", WIND IS A "DAGGER", EARTH IS A "DISK".
WEA-PONS WITH ELEMENTAL ATTRIBUTES EXIST

FOR IN-STANCE
AFFECT-ING THE AIRSPACE ITSELF
THIS FIVE-ELEMENT STAFF CAN AFFECT ANYTHING.
IT CAN MANIPULATE ETHER WHILE ALSO USING THE OTHER FOUR ELEMENTS SIMUL-TANEOUSLY.

THAT'S WHY IF YOU DAMAGE IT, IT'LL ESTABLISH A LINK WITH ANOTHER OBJECT AND DAMAGE THAT OBJECT INSTEAD.
LIKE SO—

DAMN IT... SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE ATTACK'LL COME FROM, I CAN'T HIT IT WITH MY RIGHT HAND!!
BUT THERE'S A ONE-SECOND LAG AFTER STARTING THE ATTACK.
SO IF I KEEP MOVING, IT WON'T BE THAT EASY TO HIT ME.
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GUAAH
AHAH AHA
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE THAT ALL THOSE MISSES EARLIER WERE FOR CORRECTING CALCULATION ERRORS?
ALTHOUGH THERE'S A TIME LAG, IF I READ THE AIRSPACE BEFORE "ESTABLISHING" THE LINK, YOU CAN JUMP AROUND ALL YOU LIKE.
DON'T THINK YOU CAN AVOID IT THAT EASILY.

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HAA... I CAN'T KILL TIME LIKE THIS.
YOU'RE A COMPLETE NOVICE WHEN COMPARED TO A MAGICIAN... WHAT ARE YOUR PRECIOUS FRIENDS EVEN DOING?
KILLING TIME...?
USING POWER FOR BORING, MEANINGLESS VIOLENCE... I SAID I WOULDN'T FORGIVE YOU

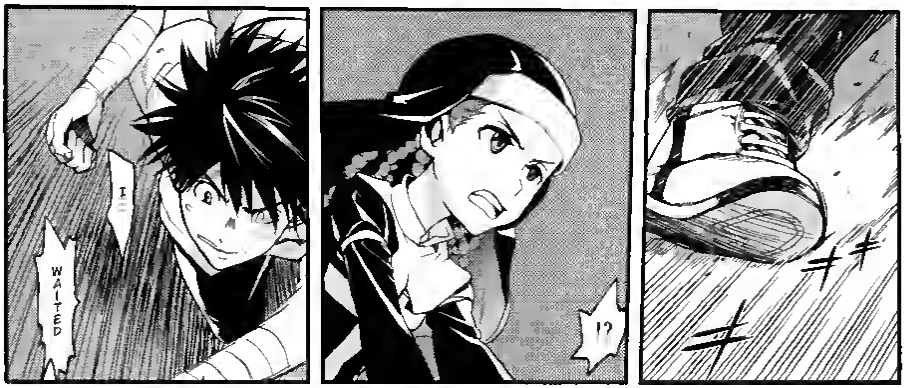
YOU'RE GOING CRAZY WITH IT.
HA HA
ARE YOU ANGRY AFTER BEING HIT SO MUCH?
THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STAVES WERE TRANSFORMED FROM A MACE IN ORDER TO SMASH THE ENEMY'S ARMOR.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH USING A TOOL MADE FOR HITTING TO HIT YOU, RIGHT?

TO START,
WESTERN MAGIC WAS FORMALIZED BY OUR CHURCH IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.
BEFORE THAT, THEY WERE JUST SOME UNDERHANDED TRICKS THAT WERE "PART OF THE UNTOLD DEPTHS" OF CHRISTIANITY.
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OUR CHURCH, IT WAS JUST SOMETHING HERETICS USED ..
HOW RIDICULOUS.

IN THE END,
TEACHINGS OTHER THAN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S
ARE NOT TRUE TEACHINGS!

ANYHOW, YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
WOULD YOU PLEASE QUICKLY GET IN LINE AND DIE!
I HAVE TO SOMEHOW GRASP THE TIMING--
AND BE SURE OF THE ORIENTATION AND ANGLE OF THE ATTACK..!

STRAIGHT AHEAD ...?
PREPARED TO BE HIT SO HE'S TAKING THE SHORTEST PATH!?
HE'S NOT AN IDIOT!?
IN THAT CASE
I'LL FINISH YOU OFF WITH THE NEXT BLOW!!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WAITED
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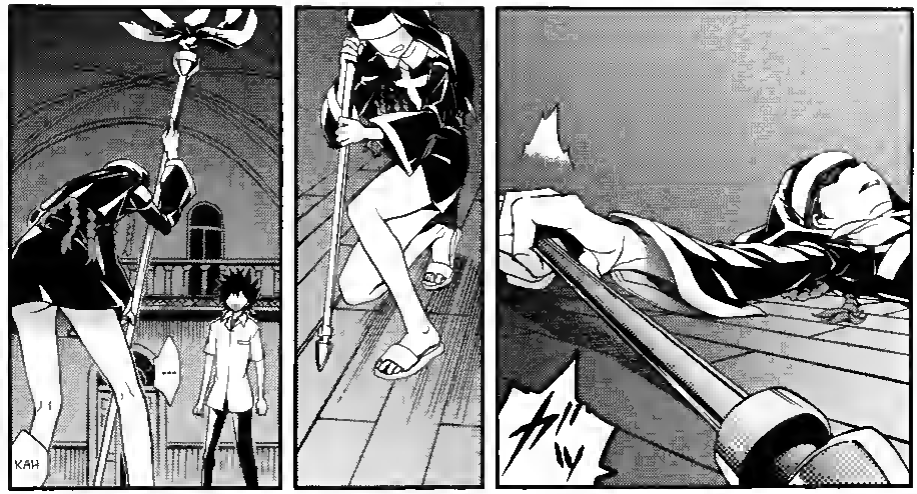
FOR THAT ATTACK!!

WH-
AT!?

I
RE-
TURNED?

ONCE AGAIN
TO THAT PLACE–
NO...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ENDURE
RETURNING...
ENDURE
RETURNING
ABSOLUTELY

SHE—
...HMPH

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!?
HEY
HAHA HAHA
THANK YOU FOR TRYING YOUR BEST.
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S ALREADY OVER DOESN'T

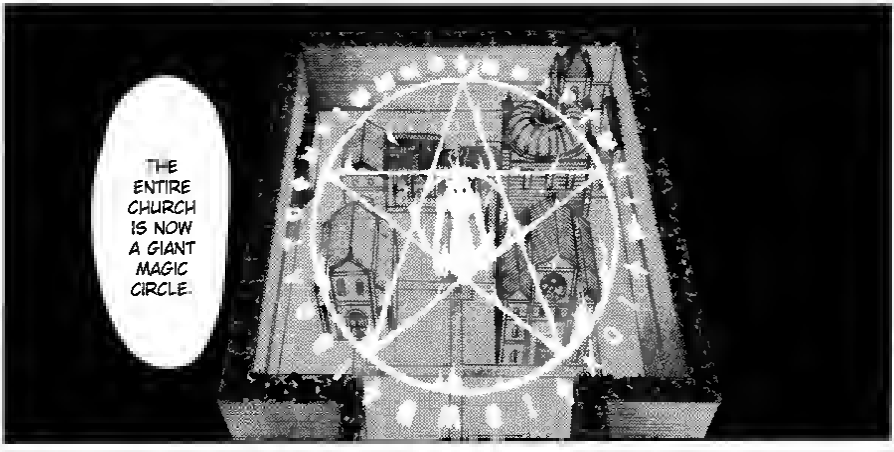
HUH, EVERY-THING'S BECOME COMPLETELY QUIET.
YOUR PLAN WAS TO HAVE YOUR FRIENDS ACT AS DECOYS WHILE YOU DEFEAT ME AND BRING AN END TO THE STANDOFF,
BUT YOUR IMAGINED ILLUSION
HAS ALREADY ENDED.
IT'S A SHAME.
AH
WHAT ?
THE ILLUSION IS OVER FOR YOU,
AGNESE SANCTIS
THAT'S RIGHT.

Ah— In such a place
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THEM?
JUST HURRY UP AND BURY THESE UNSIGHTLY THINGS SOMEWHERE
S-SISTER LUCIA!!
WHAT IS IT NOW ...?

USING 4300 RUNES
THOSE NUMBERS AREN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL ...
Touma, your injuries.

THEY ARRANGED THE RUNE CARDS
AND THEY DREW THIS LARGE SHAPE

NO, THE AMAKUSA-STYLE IS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE.


THE ENTIRE CHURCH IS NOW A GIANT MAGIC CIRCLE.

I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS TRICK ALONE
EVERYTHING WITHIN THE CIRCLE IS PART OF THE MULTIPLE MAGIC SQUARE CONFIGURATION

I SAID
WE HAD A PLAN.
THEY WERE PLACING RUNES AROUND THE PREMISES SO STIYL COULD USE HIS SECRET WEAPON.
ALTHOUGH I'M NOT A MAGICIAN SO I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE THEORY
MY FRIENDS WEREN'T JUST RUNNING AROUND AS DECOYS.
IT'S A SECRET TECHNIQUE FOR TRANSFERRING THE DAMAGE TO OUR CLOTHES
WELL, WHAT YOU SAW WAS A BIT EMBARRASSING
HOW—!?
THEY SHOULD'VE BEEN INJURED FROM OUR BLADES OF LIGHT, YET...!?

HM
WE OUT-NUMBER THEM!
IF WE BAND TOGETHER WE CAN CRUSH THESE WORTHLESS OPPONENTS!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING !!?

THEY'RE SHAKEN—!!
THEY...
THOSE PEOPLE DRAW STRENGTH
FROM THEIR BELIEFS.

BUT FOR US, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
WHAT AN UGLY SIGHT.
YOU ALREADY UNDER-STAND
RIGHT, AGNESE?
YOUR ILLUSIONS
WERE BROKEN A LONG TIME AGO.

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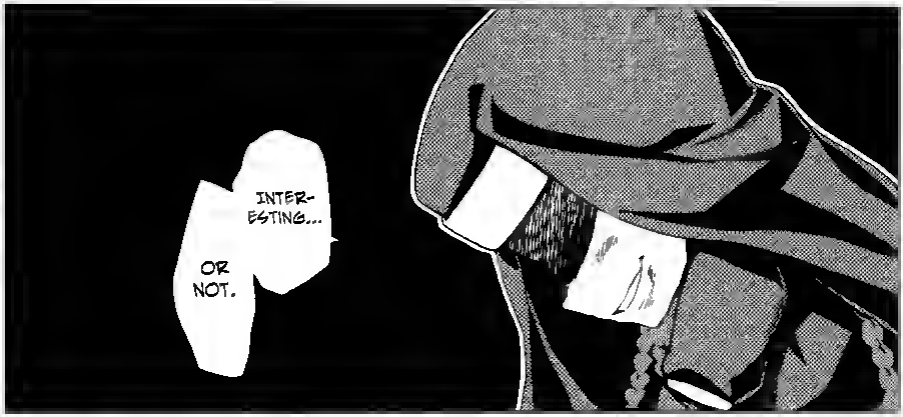
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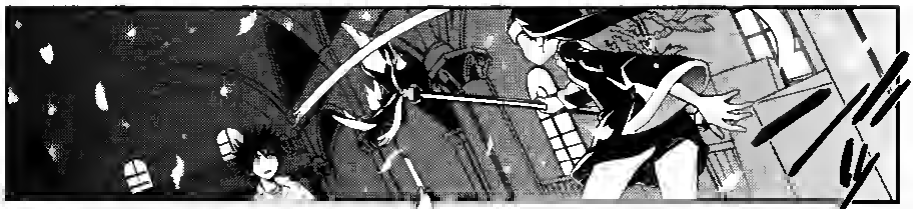
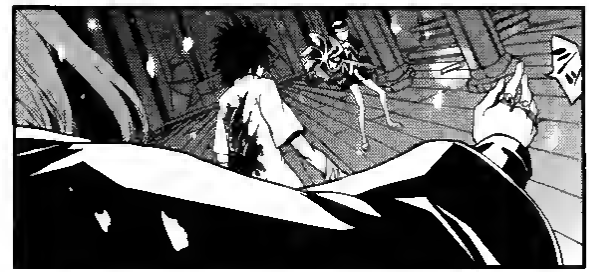


I HAD
PLANNED
TO SHOW MY
SUPERIORITY
BY DEFEATING
YOU ALL ONE-
ON-ONE.

TOU-
WEREN'T YOU THINKING THE SAME?

BE PATIENT.
CALM DOWN. IF MY FIRST ATTACK IS AN ALL-OUT SWING...
YOU CAN'T EVEN COMPARE THE ADVANTAGES THE LOTUS WAND HAS TO THAT.
YOUR OPPONENT JUST HAS HIS FIST
NO...

NO... WAIT
HIS FIST COULD REACH HERE IN A SINGLE BREATH AND SHAKING HIM UP THAT WAY WILL BE IN-EFFECTIVE!
THE DIS-TANCE IS ONLY ABOUT FIVE METERS
JUST IN CASE,
SHOULD I START WITH MULTIPLE ATTACKS IN QUICK SUCCESSION AND SLOW HIS MOVEMENTS BIT BY BIT?
TO GAMBLE IT ALL ON THE FIRST ATTACK IS TOO RISKY-
AND WHAT
HE DOESN'T CARE AND JUST CHAR-GES FORWARD LIKE BEFORE?
IF HE TIMES IT RIGHT, WILL MY ATTACK FAIL AGAIN!?
I CAN'T USE ANY OF THE DATA I'VE GATHERED UP UNTIL NOW ..!!!



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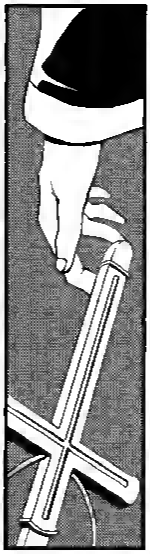
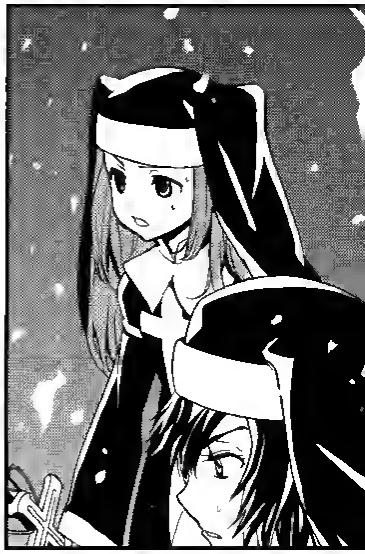

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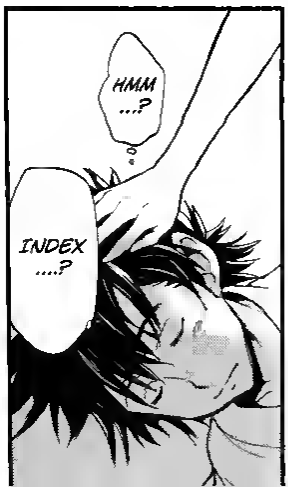
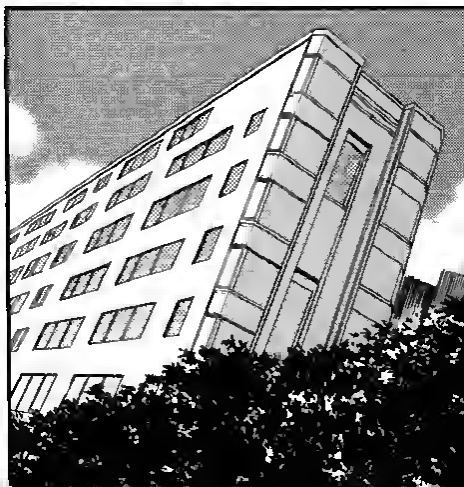
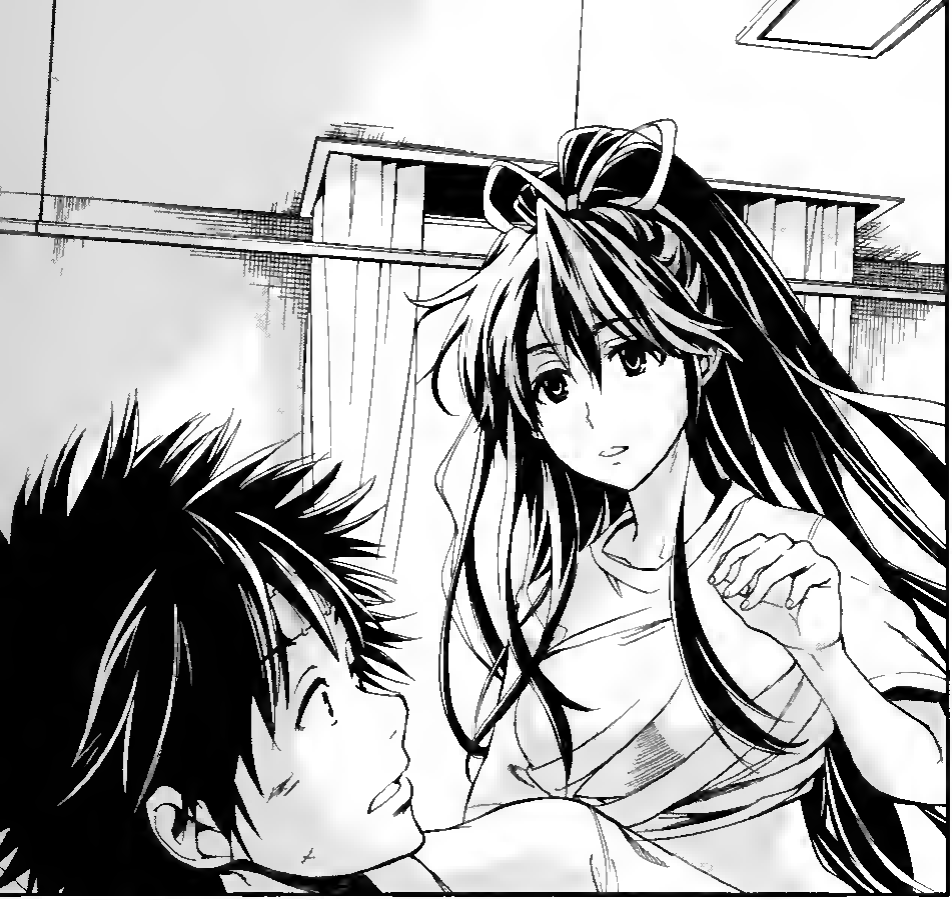
TOUMA!!


HMM ...?
INDEX ....?





WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
Ouch, ouch...
AH... YEAH ...
HMMM?

I'M KANZAKI KAORI.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KAMIJOU TOUMA

SO YOU WERE AWAKE?

INDEX'S FRIEND, THE EX-HEAD OF THE AMAKUSA-STYLE.
AH
AH
AH ...Z
AH —!!
SHE'S ONE OF THE TWENTY SAINTS IN THE WORLD—...
SHE'S SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM HOW I IMAGINED
EVEN IF SHE CAN'T FIGHT LIKE STIYL, I THOUGHT SHE'D BE A LOT SCARIER~~~~
She's at least ten people out of my league.
ISN'T
IS.. N'T
AS I THOUGHT, ISN'T—
YES?
SHE'S HOT!

A LETTER?
Did I say something out loud?
I APOLOGIZE, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
TH-THIS WON'T BE NEEDED ANYMORE!
SINCE I CAN TALK TO YOU IN PERSON!
B-BUT SINCE YOU TOOK THE TIME TO WRITE IT...?
IT'S FINE!
THIS WAS MEANT FOR YOU TO READ LATER READING IT OUT LOUD NOW IS TOO EMBARRASSING!!!

PLEASE!
TELL ME!
CLOSING REPORT
I...
I CAME HERE TO REPORT ON ORSOLA AQUINAS' SITUATION.
BUT, DOES THAT REALLY CONCERN YOU?
HUH?
IS THAT RIGHT?
YES
ALLYING WITH THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WILL BETTER PROTECT THEM FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S RETRIBUTION AND ANY ASSASSINATION PLOTS
THE DISCUSSIONS FOR ORSOLA AQUINAS AND THE AMAKUSA-STYLE
BEING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH HAVE ENDED.

SO... WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT ORSOLA IS STILL IN DANGER?
NO... THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WILL MAKE IT PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT ORSOLA'S DECRYPTION METHOD WAS INCORRECT.
ONCE THAT IS KNOWN, I BELIEVE ANY TROUBLES DEALING WITH HER CONNECTION TO THE "BOOK OF LAW" WILL DISAPPEAR
I SEE
HM? BUT THE AMAKUSA -STYLE ALSO JOINED THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, RIGHT?
AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
YES ..
IT SEEMS THEY WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN
I GAVE STRICT ORDERS NOT TO CHASE AFTER ME BUT—
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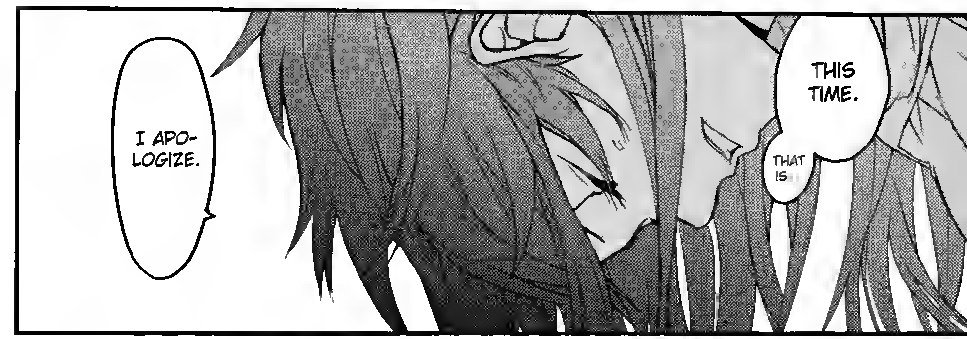
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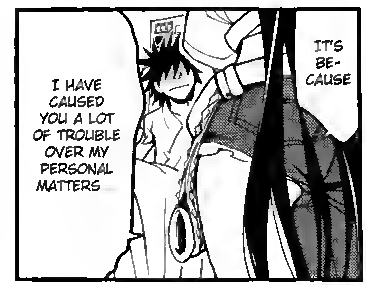
I HAVE
CAUSED
YOU A LOT
OF TROUBLE
OVER MY
PERSONAL
MATTERS
IT'S
BE-
CAUSE

HUH?
WHY'D
YOU
LOWER
YOUR
HEAD??
F-FOR
WHAT?

I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE WITH SOMETHING GOOD, BUT I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ..
IT ISN'T JUST THIS TIME EITHER
THE SITUATION WITH INDEX ALSO ENDED THIS WAY
YOU WERE JUST AN ORDINARY PERSON THAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT BUT YOU WERE INJURED
KAN-ZAKI-2
IT CAN'T BE WHAT I'M THINKING, BUT
UM...
UNDRESS ! UNDRESS! AS I-THOUGHT, UNDRESS!
WHATEVER MANNER YOU WEAR YOUR CLOTHES
THEN AS I-THOUGHT, YOU'LL UNDRESS!
AHHHH IT'S A JOKE!! I'M SORRY!!
SUCH A CONVENIENT DEVELOPMENT COULD NEVER HAPPEN, RIGHT ...?
Hahaha— As if something like that
That's
"I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT AS AN APOLOGY!"

I CAUSED TROUBLE FOR OTHERS
AND I UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN IF I BOW MY HEAD, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS...
HOWEVER
BUT
I MUST
INSIST
WELL, THERE'S NO REASON TO WORRY SO MUCH, RIGHT?
FOR THE TIME BEING, EVERYTHING ENDED PEACEFULLY
AND NO ONE WAS REALLY INJURED TOO BADLY
BUT...
YOU...

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.
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BUT INDEX IS FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, SO I'M THEIR ALLY FOR NOW.
THE MAGICAL WORLD SEEMS TO HAVE A LOT OF ITS OWN DIFFICULTIES.
I'M AN AMATEUR, SO I CAN'T REALLY TELL THE DIFFERENCE.

IF NEXT TIME, IT'S AGNESE THAT NEEDS TO BE SAVED ...
I'LL PROBABLY GO SAVE HER.
WE HAP-PENED TO BE ENEMIES THIS TIME.
BUT THERE'S NO RULE THAT SAYS WE HAVE TO BE ENEMIES FOREVER.
WHAT'S UP KAMI-YAN?

I'VE BROUGHT THOSE LUXURIOUS MELON-TOPPED PUDDINGS FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE AS REFRESHMENTS, NYA.

LONDON

IF ONLY YOU'D STAYED IN ACADEMY CITY FOR A LITTLE LONGER.
PEOPLE WHO HATE THE RAIN SURE CAN'T LIVE IN THIS CITY.
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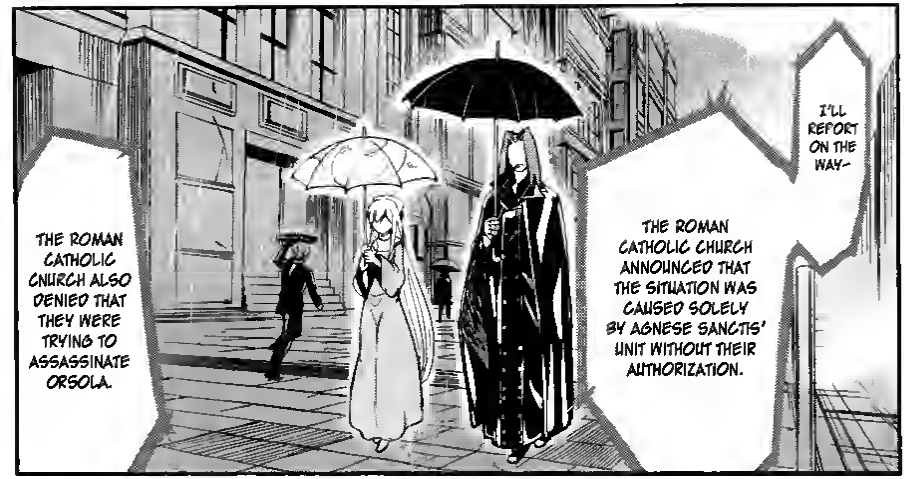
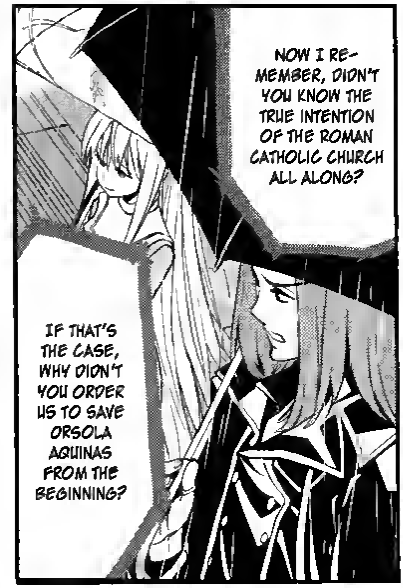
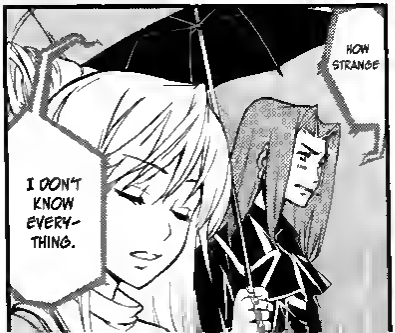
FU FUFU-
JAPAN'S AGE RESTRICTION IS SUCH A PAIN.
I DON'T WANT TO STAY IN A CITY WHERE I CAN'T EVEN BUY SMOKES.

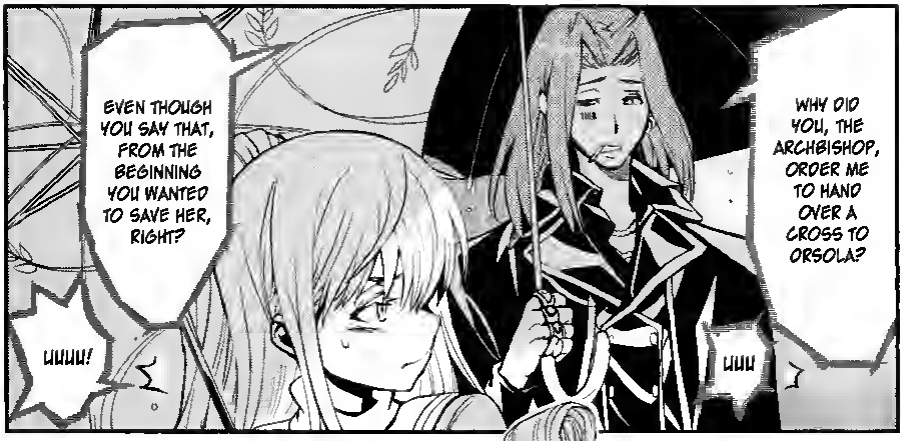

I'LL REPORT ON THE WAY-
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNOUNCED THAT THE SITUATION WAS CAUSED SOLELY BY AGNESE SANCTIS' UNIT WITHOUT THEIR AUTHORIZATION.
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ALSO DENIED THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO ASSASSINATE ORSOLA.


NOW I RE-MEMBER, DIDN'T YOU KNOW THE TRUE INTENTION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ALL ALONG?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHY DIDN'T YOU ORDER US TO SAVE ORSOLA AQUINAS FROM THE BEGINNING?

SHOULDN'T THEY TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT PRO-PERLY REINING IN THEIR PEOPLE?


HOW STRANGE
I DON'T KNOW EVERY-THING.

FOR EXAMPLE, STIYL.
BUT-
BESIDES, THAT ISN'T IMPORTANT.
LIKE ORSOLA'S DECRYPTION METHOD BEING WRONG.
THE "BOOK OF LAW" WOULD STILL NOT BE DECIPHERED.
WHAT IF WE HAD FAILED TO RESCUE ORSOLA?
WOULD THE PRESENT SITUATION HAVE CHANGED?
IN THAT CASE
WHETHER ORSOLA LIVED OR DIED DIDN'T MATTER-
THAT'S WHY IT ISN'T SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT.


WHY DID YOU, THE ARCHBISHOP, ORDER ME TO HAND OVER A CROSS TO ORSOLA?
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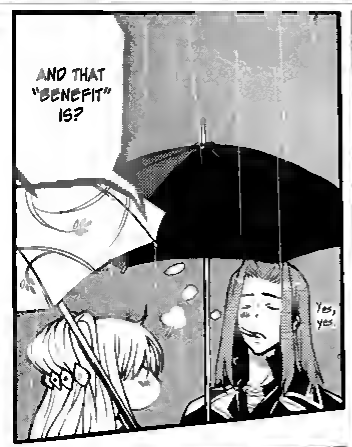
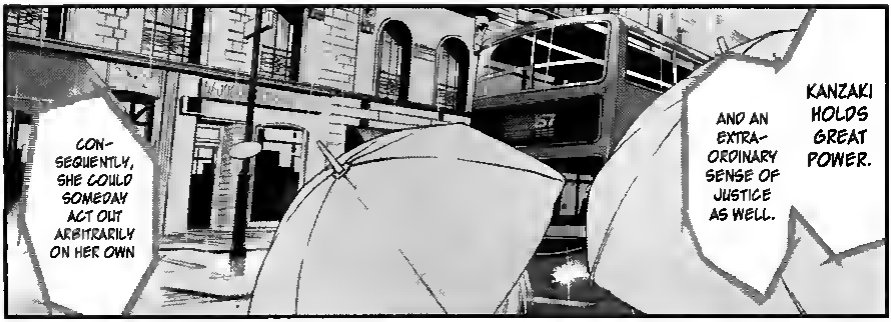
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THAT, FROM THE BEGINNING YOU WANTED TO SAVE HER, RIGHT?
UUUU!

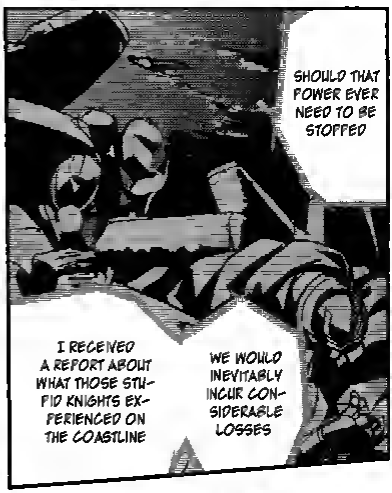

AND THAT "BENEFIT" IS?
Yes, yes

Y-
YOU'RE WRONG, YOU'RE WRONG!
WE ONLY GOT INVOLVED IN THIS CASE TO BENEFIT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH!!

KANZAKI KAORI


KANZAKI HOLDS GREAT POWER.
AND AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SENSE OF JUSTICE AS WELL.
CON-SEQUENTLY, SHE COULD SOMEDAY ACT OUT ARBITRARILY ON HER OWN

SO WE NEED SOMETHING OTHER THAN FORCE TO BIND HER.


SHOULD THAT POWER EVER NEED TO BE STOPPED
I RECEIVED A REPORT ABOUT WHAT THOSE STU-PID KNIGHTS EX-PERIENCED ON THE COASTLINE
WE WOULD INEVITABLY INCUR CON-SIDERABLE LOSSES

"IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO US, WE'LL HARM THE AMAKUSA-STYLE" IS A NEGATIVE SHACKLE.
"IF YOU LISTEN TO US, WE'LL PROTECT THE AMAKUSA-STYLE FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH" IS A POSITIVE ONE.
YOU SEE?
AA。
THE BOND BETWEEN KANZAKI AND THE AMAKUSA-STYLE IS QUITE USEFUL.

HEY
ISN'T THAT A DELICIOUS BENEFIT?
"ARCH-BISHOP"—
SHE'S THE COLD-HEARTED CREATOR OF THE COLLAR WHICH WIPED INDEX'S MEMORY EVERY YEAR.
SHE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A CAREFREE GIRL, BUT— SHE CERTAINLY IS THE HEAD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.
!?

THAT SLY WOMAN...
HOW-EVER
IN THAT CASE-
BUT WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR SAVING ORSOLA AQUINAS?
I CAN UNDERSTAND SAVING THE AMAKUSA-STYLE IN ORDER TO SHACKLE KANZAKI
SHIT
NO MATTER HOW THINGS PLAY OUT, I CAN'T UNDER-STAND THE "BENEFIT" IN DOING THAT

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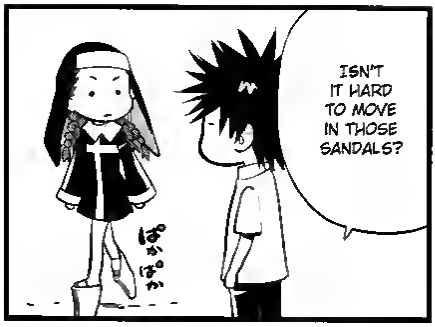
ISN'T IT HARD TO MOVE IN THOSE SANDALS?
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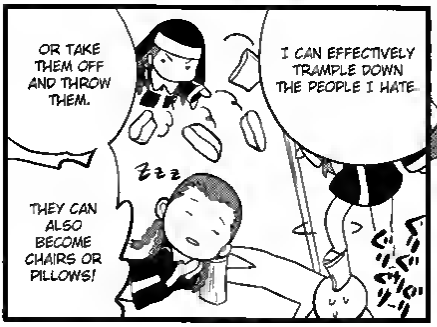
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THICK-SOLED FOOTWEAR!!
SHUT UP, IT'S FASHIONABLE!
My enemy is picky
THE POWER OF THICK-SOLED FOOTWEAR!?


OR TAKE THEM OFF AND THROW THEM.
I CAN EFFECTIVELY TRAMPLE DOWN THE PEOPLE I HATE
THEY CAN ALSO BECOME CHAIRS OR PILLOWS!
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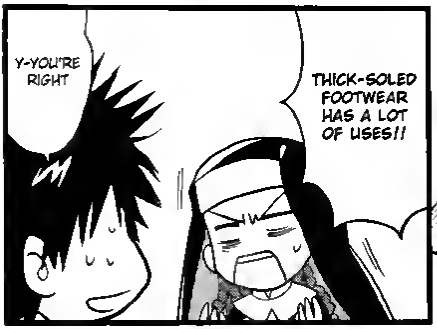
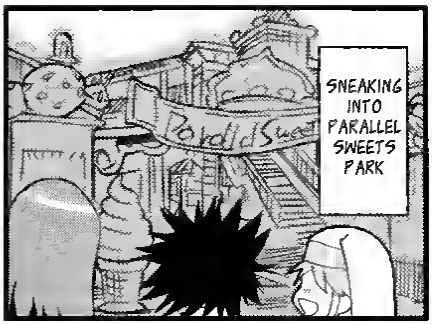
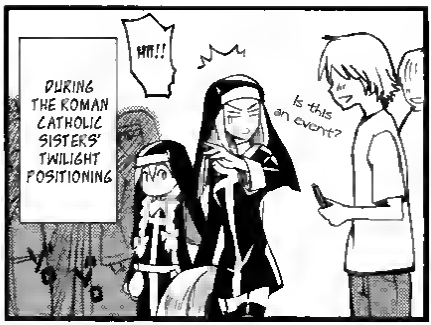
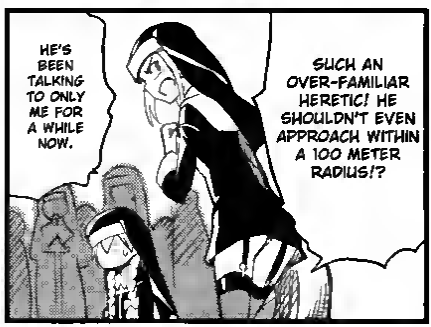
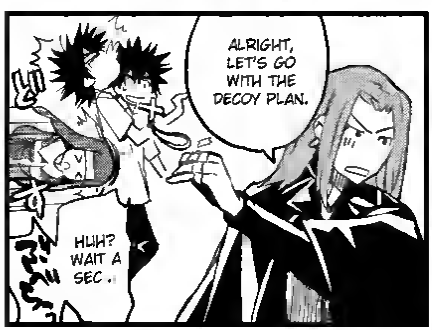

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT
THICK-SOLED FOOTWEAR HAS A LOT OF USES!!

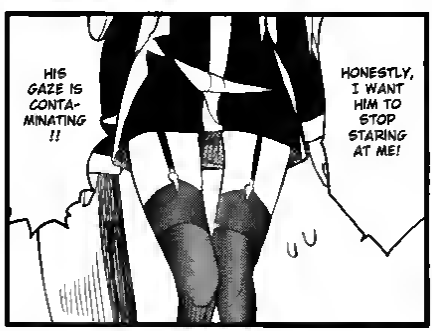

SNEAKING INTO PARALLEL SWEETS PARK

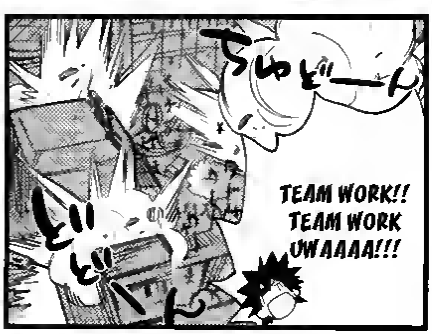

DURING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SISTERS' TWILIGHT POSITIONING
Hm!!
Is this an event?

Chocolate—
A sweet smell—
Cream
Caramel
Matcha
Fuaa aaa
HEY, INDEX WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


HE'S BEEN TALKING TO ONLY ME FOR A WHILE NOW.
SUCH AN OVER-FAMILIAR HERETIC! HE SHOULDN'T EVEN APPROACH WITHIN A 100 METER RADIUS!?


ALRIGHT, LET'S GO WITH THE DECOY PLAN.
HUH? WAIT A SEC..


HIS GAZE IS CONTA-MINATING !!
HONESTLY, I WANT HIM TO STOP STARING AT ME!


TEAM WORK!! TEAM WORK UWAAAA!!!

I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULDN'T STARE AT A SISTER WEARING GARTERS
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